

Q1 Under what circumstances do you believe the Texas Capitol should be fully reopened to the general public?

Answered: 105

RESPONSES

Once downward trend in ICU capacity documentsed

The same as restaurants, office buildings and other government buildings like courthouses, etc. With increased safety and sanitation protocols.

After a vaccine is available. The positive rate varies too much from area to area.

50% of the current max occupancy allowed by the fire code. Individual members should be allowed to limit who accesses their offices and can set their own terms.

When CDC guidelines for reopening are met

Not untie it is safe to do so. Either because the virus is no longer a factor or we have sufficient protocols to keep staff and essential workers reasonably safe.

"Fully" is doing a lot of work in that question. I believe the functions in the Capitol are critical and it should be open now with any necessary precautions.

When COVID danger has been lowered to the level of flu. A vaccine has been developed and vaccinations given.

Once vaccine is available

When it is deemed safe marked by a substantial decrease in numbers, safety measures implemented, treatment/vaccine or a combination of all.

If it is reasonably safe to do so.

Once cdc guidelines are met. Then and only then

The legislator is in session

I believe access should be allowed immediately but in a manner where social distancing can other best practices for hygiene can be maintained.

Significantly lower cases and transmission rates statewide; widespread compliance with mask requirements including inside the Capitol complex; thorough sanitizing protocols throughout the building.

The Capitol should be opened at minimal occupancy and at a rate similar to that provided in the Reopen Texas Plan

If there are temperature checks and face coverings are required.

In a manner that provides the general public safety measures and a protocol insuring safety during this pandemic.

I recommend now. My hope is that Citizens will wear masks to protect themselves and others around them.

Yes contingent upon the status of the Caronavirus Pandemic

No uncontrolled spread of COVID-19 in any region of Texas. Well-established mask-wearing requirement and norm. Alternatively, a vaccine that works and has been distributed nationwide.

When Session begins in January.

When good cleaning and distancing protocols are ready to be implemented

Open According to CDC Qiudelines

Once it's safe as determined by science.

Not until there is a significant decline in cases reported in Texas over a period of time as recommended by reputable doctors and scientists.

No

Once we find a vaccination for COVID-19 or something that will help curb the spread aside from just face masks and sanitizer

Keep open to the same standards and operating hours prior to COVID

We should follow the guidance of public health officials.

Until the Caronavirus Pandemic is contained and a proven vaccine is easily accessible and affordable to the general public.

When there are very few cases, hospitalizations and deaths from COVID-19 in Texas.

When there is a vaccine available

When the total number of Covid cases have been lowered and stabilized.

The Texas Capitol should only be fully reopened once a COVID-19 vaccine is widely distributed.

When a vaccine is widely available.

When the entire state of Texas has some control on the virus, by knowing the hotspots, and having a comprehensive plan in place when someone gets sick.

Only when pandemic is under control. Partial opening prior to that with proper health controls.

Not until the doctors, scientists agree that the virus contagion has flatten and or numbers have drastically gone down

When covid19 infections rates are dropping and stable.

Unless there is a lock down, it should be open to the public. It is not democracy in action if the public is not invited.

I'm fine with it opening now.

Session

The Capitol should be open during Session to the public, either by appointment only process or with access following screening protocols.

Once all safety measures are in place that will not place anyone at risk.

The Texas Capitol should not be fully reopened to the general public unless a vaccine is readily available and distributed to the public; and the CDC and the local Travis County public health authority have issued guidelines permitting mass gatherings.

After the curve is flatten for positive COVID-19 cases and guidelines that have been developed by experts in the field of science and medicine are implemented to promote the safest way to interact with people.

When the number of new COVID cases have flatlined

If we have a screening process in place and procedures for social distancing and cleaning procedures in place.

It should be open under current circumstances.

When a proven vaccine is available.

None

Only if virus subsides substantially

A cure, vacine or other breakthrough that stops the spread.

When we have a vaccine for COVID 19 available to the public.

When the 87th Session begins.

When the grounds and Capitol are fully secured from vandalism. Otherwise ASAP

I trust people to make decisions for themselves. So long as we provide them with the information to empower them to make decisions. Let it be open!

As circumstances change, we should follow the advice of local health authorities.

I believe it should be opened using common sense practices.

The Texas Capitol will always be the people's house, but it's critically important to protect the public and all legislative personnel. Those determinations must ultimately be decided with medical facts and data.

Now. The can is off the COVID can of worms and there's no stopping it. The government must operate and the People must have access.

Until there is a vaccine

It should be fully reopened when an effective vaccine exists and is widely available. Additionally, when procedures can be implemented (such as temp checks for all who enter, etc.) to provide as safe an environment as practically possible.

when we have a vaccine

Based on the recommendation of public health authorities.

When the covid19 virus has declined to safe numbers statewide and public schools and universities are functioning in person safely.

I'm not sure we can meet - committees, session, etc., without allowing full access to our citizens. I think we can take our own precautions for member safety and ask the public to follow health guidelines, but as far as limiting access, that doesn't seem like something that should happen. If open meeting act applies to something occurring in the Capitol, it should be open.

Critical time sensitive business only with full safety precautions mandated

I would want to give this further thought, but I think it would be reasonable to follow the approach being taken in the US Capitol. Speaking generally, as long as COVID cases remain at or near their current high levels, I think the building should remain closed to the general public, for the safety of staff, DPS, and others who work in the building.

I believe the Capitol should be open to the public now, but with capacity limitations. The Capitol grounds should NOT be open if there is a credible threat of protestors in large numbers. Guidance from DPS should be followed in that respect.

Every person entering must show proof of a recent test, wear a mask, and be temperature tested.

When 50%+ of Texas population has been vaccinated for COVID-19 (with an FDA approved vaccine).

As soon as it is safely possible. The Capitol is such a wonderful place of Texans to visit- I'm sad for the public that is currently unable to see it. However, not at the expense of health or safety.

the key word is "fully". there are too many variables to the word "fully". We can open to the public, but would need to follow safety and health guidelines

Yes

When it is safe based on appropriate protocols including, distancing, masks,

When the pandemic is better controlled and with appropriate CDC guidelines

Require masks and encourage social distancing.

When we can safely scan or prescreen individuals who enter and they can notify a central person if they become ill or test positive within a reasonable period after being in the building. Possibly not allowing general tours until a vaccine.

No

The state Capitol cannot be closed forever the people need the state to get back to work. As such, mandatory masks and possibly limitations on group size, tours etc.

Once the pandemic decline rate is satisfactory and initially subject to safety precautions, including temperature monitoring, masks, and distancing precautions.

I believe the Capitol should be open 100%. If citizens and legislators want to use PPE they can, if not they should not be required.

When CDC guidelines are met.

When new infection rates are at an acceptable level determined by public health experts.

When the coronavirus has a vaccine.

Once the virus is fully under control. We don't need to create a flare-up by going to fast too soon and then have to figure out how to proceed on the fly. Better to plan for the worst now.

When we have a proven and widely distributed vaccine

When we have sufficiently decreased the number of active cases in TX (and more specifically Travis County). When we have sufficient guidelines and screening to be able to keep folks out of the Capitol that pose a risk to the health and well-being of those who work there.

For tourism we should wait until we have a vaccine. Maybe not as strict on committee participation as long as we have mask requirements and distancing.

When a vaccine for COVID-19 is available.

Reduction in case count. Masks and necessary barriers for physical distancing that may be necessary in place.

When positive test rate is below 5% for a 7 day period

Texas Covid test positivity rate less than 5% Tests widely available with fast turnaround times (a day or two maximum) Masks required and social distancing enforced Temperature checks on entry

Until positivity rates and hospitalizations fall to a manageable level. With consultation with health experts.

Once the rate is under 5%

After a vaccine has been administering.

I believe with proper screening, PPE for DPS and staff, and reduced capacity, the Capitol can be safely reopened.

After we have found a reasonable virus solution similar to getting a flu shot.

Now with appropriate social distancing and screening, which may require some limitations in number or people per unit time. Once vaccines are readily available, these precautions may be lifted.

The building should be reopened as soon as possible with social distancing, mask requirements and capacity limits in effect. We should take measures to protect the health and safety of visitors and staff, but the Capitol should not be closed to the public indefinitely.

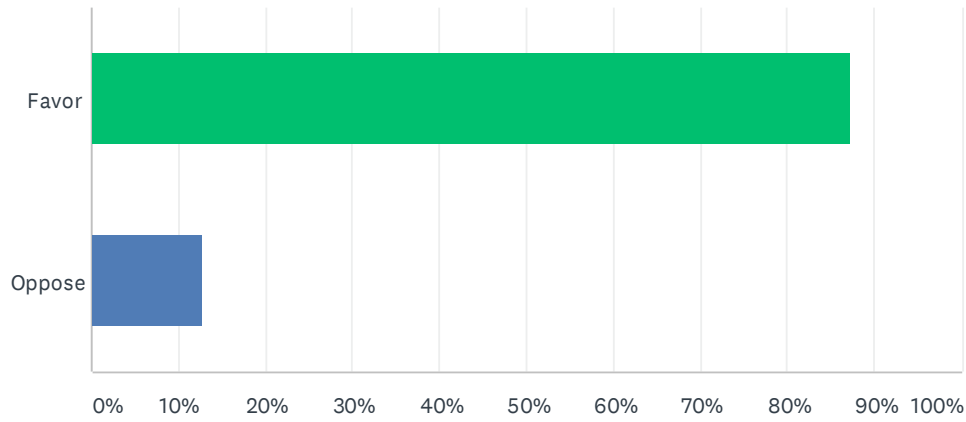
Fully open to healthy individuals

When a vaccine is found.

Re-open now according to same standards as other government facilities

Q2 Do you favor or oppose temperature checks upon entry to the Capitol?

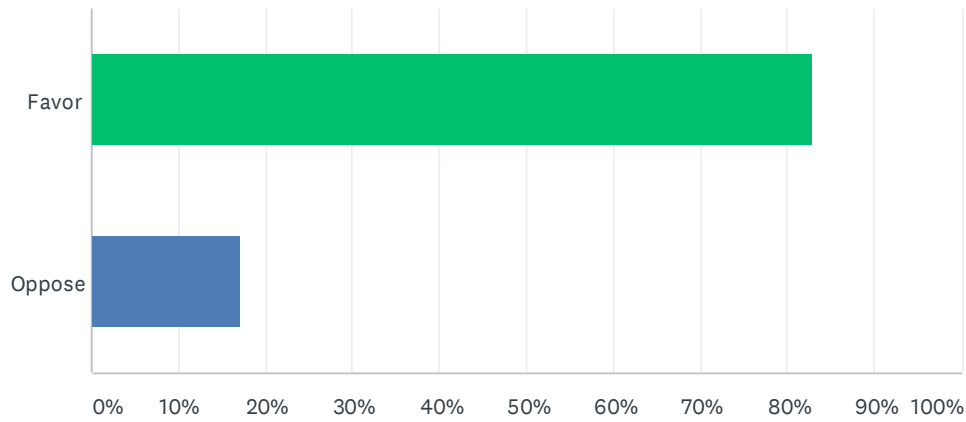
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Favor	87.18%	102
Oppose	12.82%	15
TOTAL		117

Q3 Do you favor or oppose requiring face masks while in the Capitol common areas, committee rooms and public meeting spaces?

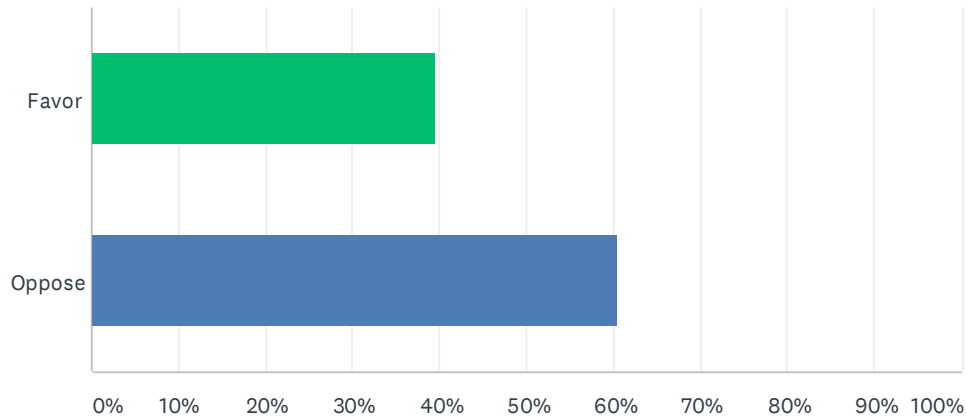
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Favor	82.76%	96
Oppose	17.24%	20
TOTAL		116

Q4 Do you favor or oppose permitting outside public groups to reserve and use public spaces like committee rooms, the legislative conference center and member's extension lounge?

Answered: 114



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Favor	39.47%	45
Oppose	60.53%	69
TOTAL		114

Q5 Do you believe the Capitol cafeteria should serve food during the pandemic, and if so, how might operations be adjusted in order to ensure the health and safety of patrons?

Answered: 113

RESPONSES

Yes w CDC modifications

Favor. Same as restaurants.

Only to members and staff. We need to create a bubble. Like the NBA, for reference.

Yes, with additional cleaning procedures per the restaurant association.

only prepackaged food limited seating in dining room

Yes with any necessary precautions taken by all other restaurants in Texas

Follow the same protocols as restaurants

No

If it can be done safely as determined by those with more knowledge about safe food/restaurant practices during COVID than me.

Research shows high risk for indoor dining. No. No opening

Open, practice distancing standards

Food should be served adhering to capacity requirements used in private sector establishments

Limit food to ordering ahead and to-go orders only. Dining area remain closed. No food line. Also limiting to a 25% capacity.

Yes; Require masks everywhere other than at tables where customers are sitting and eating; lower seating capacity.

I believe they should service food. Allow for social distancing in the cafeteria and adjust cleaning schedule/provide sanitizer for those eating in that area.

Operations should mirror the guidance provided to restaurants in the Reopen Texas Plan.

Yes and with the exception of the buffet. Restrict the buffet. Individuals can serve food to patrons, but no self-serve. Hot and cold options.

Yes, measures such as spaced out seating, disposable utensils, cups etc.,

Yes, the same as most other restaurants are doing across the state.

Online order system, only available for pickup, no lining up or grab and go.

Take out orders

Firstly, we need to consider the health and safety of the workers there at least as much as the patrons. I would support the cafeteria moving to a to go model where folks order ahead from their offices and then pick up food. This only works if everyone is required to be masked and if we make it easy for workers to stay home if they're sick.

Plenty of hand disinfectant stations and spread out the tables as much as possible. To ease the demand for table space encourage members and staff to eat back in their offices.

Yes, and distancing required in seating and lines

Same requirements as restaurants

Yes I think they should. Would recommend using CDC guidelines.

Yes, but only through advance order and delivery or pick-up.

Yes.

yes. An option would be to maybe have prepared meals only

Yes, same rules as Restaurants

Yes. The safest method would likely be pre-packaged and prepared food.

- Yes. With strict sanitation protocols that are enforced and actively monitored.

- Yes, but only if everything is pre-packed and patrons just grab and go. Or they deliver orders directly to offices.

- Social distancing and pre packaged meals

- Serve only packaged foods...no hot meal service.

- No, the Capitol Cafeteria should not serve food during the pandemic.

- Serve food, Comply with safety rules in place at the time.

- Ability to order ahead of time for to-go options.

- Yes, they should serve with a take away menu and a sanitation plan.

- Yes. Masks and social distancing like any restaurant.

- Yes as long as they take whatever health and safety precautions required by cdc

- as long as service is separate from dining in. people should only get food to go. Social distancing in food line. Allow staff and members to place orders. Use pages to deliver.

- Yes. Adopt best practices from restaurant industry. No need to reinvent the wheel here.

- Yes. Servers serving food and drinks rather than self-help.

- Yes.

- Yes

- I believe that it should in the same manner that restaurants are required to reopen. This will be done with a safety plan in place that will not allow for cross-contamination or the spread of infection.

- Yes, but with a limited capacity (socially distanced dining), limited menu (pre-boxed items).

- Yes, they can follow the same guidelines outlined by CDC and the state of Texas.

- Prepackaged and contactless payment

- yes they should...

- Yes, with limited seating and space in lines.

- Yes, simply make it optional to receive the order in a "To Go" container so those that feel the need to eat somewhere other than in the lounge can do so, and those that feel comfortable eating in the lounge can do so.

- Yes, but with the same precautions as the restaurants are currently observing.

- Yes - via prepackaged meals for purchase and pick up.

- Yes, we have to eat. And it will be more problematic to leave building. Just common sense precautions

- Yes, if not open to public and if food is taken back to the offices.

- Yes they should serve food that can be ordered and picked up.

- No

- Yes same as all restaurants

- No

- Yes. Serve food.

- Close dining area. Only have orders for pickup. Place orders online. Limit the number of people allowed in for pickup at a time. Provide food delivery option to offices within the Capitol.

- Yes. Using common sense practices.

- Yes, it just needs to follow social distancing guidelines like any restaurant for its staff and

customers.

Yes. Limit capacity to 50% if it makes someone feel better, but if restaurants can operate, so can the cafeteria.

No.

No; I think that there shouldn't be cafeteria operations during the pandemic

all pre-packaged foods, no contact with food/beverages, Member offices have credit card on file to facilitate contactless purchases

Yes, based on the recommendations of public health authorities.

by placing orders for pickup by members and staff. No large groups from outside the capitol in the cafeteria area.

Yes, observe restaurant guidelines that may exist under an executive order. I don't have a strong opinion on this.

Limit capacity to mirror what is required of public establishments.

I think it should only be open to the extent people need to be in the building in the first place. And for those, for the time being, I think at best we should be looking at a "takeout only" model that maintains distance and minimizes cafeteria worker interaction with patrons and one another.

Yes, with limited capacity.

Yes, but no salad bar. There needs to be a better "waiting area" for hot food to be picked up. Pre-made meals might be easier to avoid humans waiting for food.

Food can be purchased to go, very limited number of single occupant tables in dining room, tables spaced so that people at them remain 6 feet apart. Would get recommendations from health experts.

They should operate just as all food establishments are doing at this time.

yes, just like any other restaurant in the State

Yes

Yes if safety precautions and protocols are utilized to ensure the safety of everyone

Yes. Limit number of members and limit menu to prepackaged items.

Yes, by following effective protocols successfully used by similar private operations.

Yes. Prepackaged or grab and go items. Or prepared drinks by a staff member. Hot food service available via a preorder system.

Yes - as small businesses have adapted to curbside they should adapt to some format that reduces people congregating.

Yes staffers need to eat. Use disposable plates, silverware and great safe spaces to eat. Plexiglass placement for food ordering to keep workers safe

Yes, with initial operations perhaps limited to pre-prepared and packaged food, reduced capacity in the cafeteria, and table spacing.

Yes. If employees or patrons want to be protected they can wear a mask or social distance, as long as it is not mandatory.

They could serve to go with social distancing while in line.

If food is served t should be prepackaged and take and go.

Should serve food to go only.

Probably closed, but I'm not strong on that answer.

No buffet. Prepared foods only and eliminate some tables.

I think, much like restaurant across TX are doing, they should provide food ordering through an online portal with a pickup window. I would oppose dine in services at this point.

No I don't think it should be open to the public. Maybe set up a delivery system to offices.

Yes, only if they wear a mask while cooking & serving the food.

Facilitate order online for pick up

Social distancing and masks

No.

Yes, using social distancing protocols similar to those being used in restaurants.

Not sure

Yes - but to-go only and order online in advance Like curbside pick-up...but in the building

Limit occupancy in the dining area should positivity rates and hospitalizations stay too high.

No

Yes, I feel we should follow the same restrictions as restaurants are to follow

Limited to members, members staff and Capitol staff.

Yes with proper social distancing and PPE for cafeteria staff.

Yes the Capitol cafeteria should serve food. Salad bar needs to no longer be make yourself. Limit entry size and manage flow. Limit table size and distances.

no, it is not necessary

Yes. Eliminate salad bar, self-serve and buffet areas. Set up for online ordering and pickup. Limit capacity in the dining room.

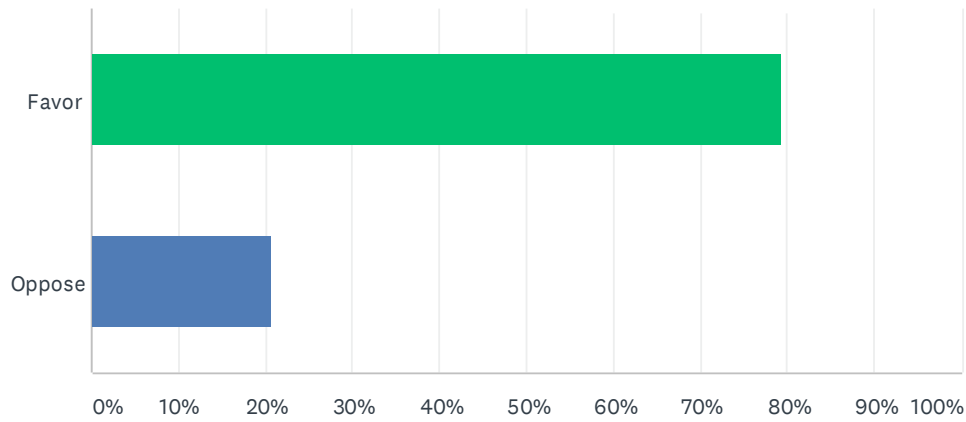
Should serve but only for screned healthy individuals

Yes. Social Distancing measures, limited capacity of people, masks, hand sanitizer.

Yes, same standards as restaurants

Q6 Do you favor or oppose limiting tours to specific areas of the Capitol during the pandemic?

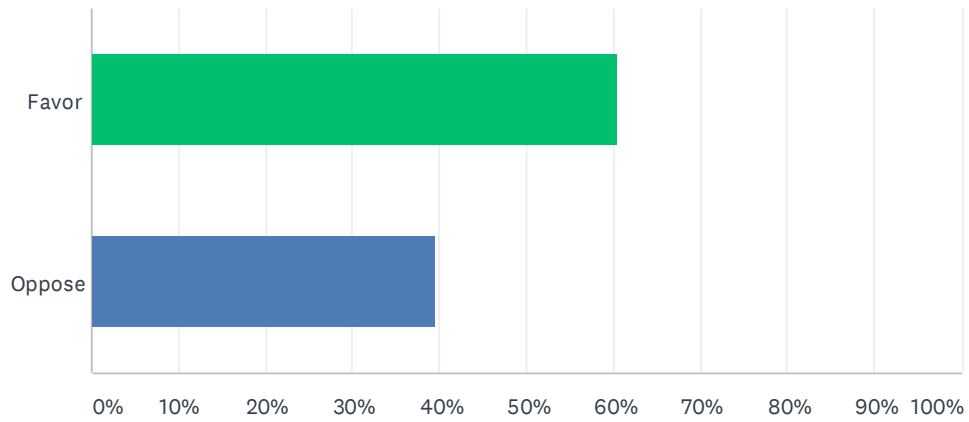
Answered: 116



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Favor	79.31%	92
Oppose	20.69%	24
TOTAL		116

Q7 Do you favor or oppose suspending public tours of the Capitol during the pandemic?

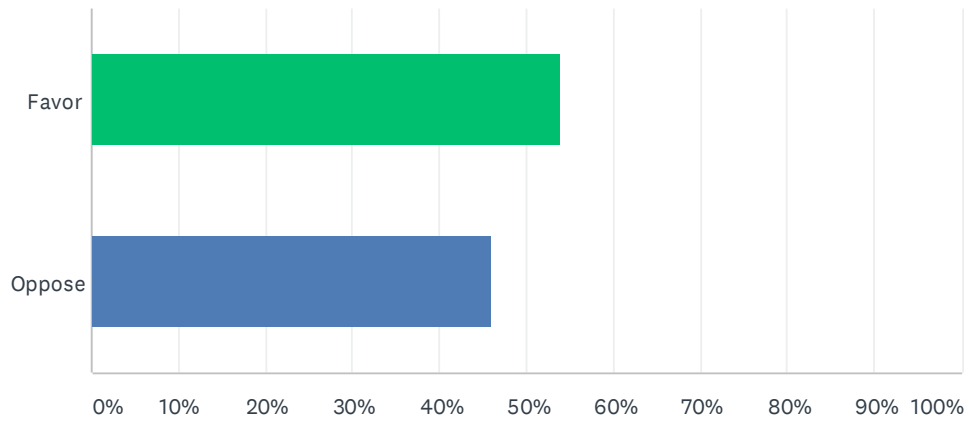
Answered: 114



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Favor	60.53%	69
Oppose	39.47%	45
TOTAL		114

Q8 Do you favor or oppose limiting public access to the Capitol to individuals who have business in the building during the pandemic?

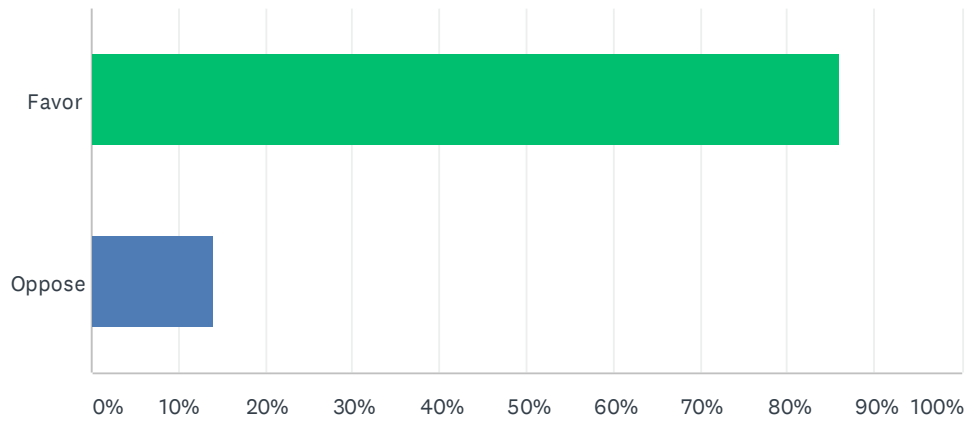
Answered: 115



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Favor		53.91%	62
Oppose		46.09%	53
TOTAL	TOTAL		115

Q9 Do you favor or oppose designating certain entrances of the Capitol building to be used only by members and staff?

Answered: 115



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Favor		86.09%	99
Oppose		13.91%	16
TOTAL			115

Q10 If you have any further comments, questions, or ideas pertaining to the previous topics, please submit them in the form below.

Answered: 53

RESPONSES

Keep up the good work Charlie!

No

many questions left unanswered right now contingent on status of pandemic by the time session starts

yes

Thanks. I know this is tough, but so are we and the work is too important to not show up for business.

Thanks.

No opening. Require masks

The public should be allowed in before registered lobbyist. Lobbyist have more access to members and staff than the public. House floor should be as normal. Members who chose to wear mask and distance should be respected but votes must be taken by members on the floor not from a proxy as they sit in their district.

Neutral on temperature checks--Logistically could be difficult and not an accurate reflection of actual temperature since people show an elevated temperature sometimes after walking around outside. On limiting visitors to those doing business in the building: It would depend on how we define "doing business". Would not be in favor of allowing lobbyists while not allowing constituents to come in for a general visit with the office.

Treat everyone as equals.

My hope is that people will protect themselves and others

Staff should have the option of taking a survey as well. I'm especially concerned about the safety of our custodial staff. 4. Favor with strong capacity limits and sanitization requirements. 8. We need to be careful how we determine "business in the building". If we're allowing lobbyists in the building, then we have to allow to the general public to visit their representatives as well. Establishing a virtual way to visit offices may be a better option for all and should be easily achievable with various virtual tools. 9. Designating certain entrances for only members and staff will look incredibly out-of-touch if we don't establish robust safety practices capitol-wide. Also, I would support limits to number of workers in legislative offices and numbers of visitors at one time.

We call the Capital "the People's house." It needs to stay that way. As Members, we should make a greater commitment to Texans having access to the Capital than any lobby or special interest group. I can't imagine the optics if Texans are kept out but the lobby is allowed in. No way can that stand.

None

These answers are solely based on the fact that there is an active and contagious pandemic in our state, and would not otherwise be valid.

All precautions should be taken to protect public safety; when we have a vaccine that works and a public that has been vaccinated, then we can return to "normal".

None

We need to ensure everyone is safe. Therefore every precaution needs to be taken. Having thoughtful limitations during this pandemic is in the best interest of everyone. I don't want to get sick or die, nor do I want to cause anyone's else to have a health issue. Common sense is the way to go. Follow the science COVID-19 is real serious.

The only certainty is uncertainty. Be flexible, understanding and tolerant.

Thanks for your work.

I do believe we need to have a safety plan in place that limits the number of people to slow the spread until the Nation and state have a firm handle on how to flatten the curve.

#8: This question needs clarification. What constitutes "business in the building?" I selected

"oppose" because I am not in favor of limiting access to only registered lobbyists. Rather, I believe access should be limited to badge holders (legislators, staffers and agency representatives).

We already have entrances to Capitol designated to members and staff (garage, side entrances at main doorways where we can simply swipe our card without a line). We should keep those and not add any more.

Masks should be worn for our safety and that of others.

Limit each member to filing 10 bills plus 2 local. Strongly encourage members to self limit amendments. Require 12 hour pre-filing of all floor amendments except near end of session. Allow vote by registering in advance on L&C and Resolutions calendars. Limit members lounge to drinks only. Break for meals so we can go to office to eat. Strongly encourage chairs to avoid late night hearings. Same schedule for floor. Don't need fatigue dragging members' immune systems down. Encourage chairs reasonably limit number of witnesses on any bill. Have all offices, committee rooms, chamber cleaned nightly. Restrooms cleaned often during each day.

Regarding Question 9: There already are separate entrances for members and staff.

In favor of restricting public access to the House Gallery.

All limitations or restrictions on access must be balanced. Find common ground to support as much outside participation as possible based on medical data and science.

Question 9 seems moot since we already have a members/staff only entrance through the garage.

Congregations are dangerous without the vaccine. We need to limit to them to the actual business being conducted and then look at how you create distance for those participants. That is unfortunate by product of the times we live in.

Visible signage reminding visitors of COVID 19 rules would be good. LRL should be open to offices and closed to public during pandemic. No group days or recognitions in the gallery.

Charlie, it would be a good idea to get more member input like regular calls etc..

None

Staff and members safety is the upmost concern. Testing should be easily accessible for members and staff.

The only access restriction I would really favor is capacity limitations. This would likely require entry/exit controls at the perimeter of the Capitol grounds.

We should consider closing the gallery or placing (removable) acrylic shields and severely limiting the swearing in ceremony.

My concern with masks in hearing rooms: if someone is speaking, they should remove their masks in order to be understood.

Contactless water faucets in the restrooms would be helpful.

It would be ideal for Members and Staff to have a separate entrance/exit to the building should they choose to use such.

Please follow science & logic and not donors. Texas has the resources through Texas A&M University system and other state resources to be a shining beacon of pandemic protocol. I would hope leadership starts to fully utilize Texas's great public resources.

Needs to be a balance of access and safety. People who have necessary work need to have access but now isn't the time to conduct multiple 5th grade tours etc.

Legislators, employees, and citizens should use personal responsibility. It is time the legislature gets back to work with committee hearings and special session to take care of the peoples business.

Only that I wish each question would have had a commit section. No question was fully yes or no so on each it was just the tip of the scale to yes or no. Thanks for asking our opinion.

I know too many folks who have been affected by coronavirus. Some have passed away. We need to take precautions to keep members and the public safe during this time. Until we have the coronavirus under control or have a cure, we should not operate without taking every precaution. We should use any and every opportunity to meet through video and telecommunications. Personal protective equipment is a must. Regular disinfecting is a must. At the very minimum, anyone entering the Capitol should be required to wear a mask and keep it on at all times.

If we can allow offices to have an appointment system whereby our offices are limited only to visitors who have an appointment, I support that. Maybe cut off traffic to offices with personnel posted to check for appointment cards.

We should close the Capitol down and have remote testimony. Temperature checks won't help for those who are asymptomatic.

I'd like us to have a contingency plan to meet outside of the Capitol during session. This should be done to accomplish social distancing while allowing us to conduct business in the same room.

I think we have to allow limited access for business. But we should rely on virtual as much as possible. And if coming for business they should have temperature checks, masks and distance requirements.

My answers are contingent upon the status of virus.

Educate through signage members, staff and entrants to Capitol on general health and safety guidelines

We can reopen the Capitol safely if the right tools and protocols are in place.

none

Tour groups should be limited in size and should only be allowed if social distancing can be achieved.

Q11 Would you personally choose to participate in interim committee activities in person if safety protocols, including mandatory masks and enforced social distancing, were in place, and why?

Answered: 111

RESPONSES

Yes. I would participate.

I would if I had do, but I don't think we need to.

Yes. We as legislators have a job to do, and if other Texans have been pushed to be back at work, we should be too. However, I am willing to take more risk personally than I am willing to ask my staff to take, and I am concerned about committee staff having adequate protection.

Yes, but I do not want mandatory masks.

yes because the work remains to be done despite the pandemic, unless we can do them remotely

yes

Absolutely yes.

Yes

Yes. It's important that state elected officials begin working on the issues facing Texas now.

yes

Possibly - It would depend on the level of safety protocols in place as well as if the activities were truly needed and not able to be accomplished remotely. Bringing members together that have traveled from across the state making stops along the way and then returning to their respective communities should only be done if the work can not be accomplished in another way.

No, I have a high risk family member

I would participate even without mask. Social distancing options for those who want should be respected for themselves. The public has to be accommodated to testify. Have a waiting area with 5-10 minute notice given is committee rooms are limited.

I would participate under those conditions

Yes, so long as protocols are being followed and public access is limited to video conferencing.

Yes.

Yes

I'm fine with in person meetings mask or no mask

Yes - Texans need to see us get back to work in the same ways we are asking them to return to work.

Yes.

Yes

Yes, It's my job and I represent the people in my district and the best way for me to do it is to be in the capitol doing the job

Yes.

Yes if all protocols are implemented

Yes. It's part of our responsibility

Yes

Yes

Yes, I would. There is important work to be done and if we can do it safely then I support it.

No, too many people are asymptomatic and still contagious. Masks and social distancing helps but we are too late to try to fix this when there is a extensive increase in cases now. We could meet via Zoom or teleconference like we have court hearings, etc.

Yes

Yes

Yes

yes

Yes, if all involved follow the guidelines.

Yes.

No; it's an unnecessary risk and we can conduct business virtually

Yes and only if enforced.

Must have strict protocols

Yes....As long as protections for all are followed.

Not unless it's essential.

Yes

Yes, to do our job.

Yes. Safety criteria met.

Yes

maybe, depending on infection rates in the state

Yes

Yes. We have work to do.

Yes

Yes, because these activities are important to the continuation of the state government.

Yes, I believe that we should resume activities as long as safety precautions are met. Furthermore there are various alternatives that can be utilized for committee activities.

No; this will require members and the public to travel to Austin and expose themselves to a myriad of opportunities to be infected by the virus and/or spread the virus.

Yes. This is what we have pledged to do.

yes, in person is always more productive

Yes, it's my duty as an elected official.

yes...It is impossible to make decisions based on a Zoom call

Yes. I am comfortable with participating in interim committee activities with or without additional safety protocols are in place. I am comfortable going out into the district under these measures and do it every day. I am comfortable doing the same for interim committee meetings.

Yes I will if we have meetings and as long as we are meeting safety and cleanliness standards

Only if all members were to practice safe protocols.

Yes

Yes but I dont have health issues to be concerned about. Interim hearings in person are not fair to members or public with health concerns.

Yes

Yes

I would prefer an online meeting but would only participate if safety measures were in place.

Yes but not those protocols

No, if we all have to sit at the dais. I would prefer the committee be spread out more in a larger room, and only allow one witness at a time in the room to testify. Alternatively, witnesses could testify via zoom, or some committee members could attend via zoom.

Yes

Participate regardless. Let people choose to wear mask and social distance.

Yes

Yes. We have a job to do. We need to do it.

Yes; with glass barriers and other safety precautions, etc., I'd be comfortable

I will participate but I think masks, enforced social distancing, plexiglass dividers, etc. is unnecessary.

Yes. If I can help craft the policy that will be to benefit of the health and safety of all I would do that.

I would if the committee meeting is needed. Most committees can write their interim report with member input. Appropriations and Sunset may need actual hearings with members present.

Yes, because it's our duty.

Assuming I am healthy myself, I would do so if a Chair of one of my committees called a substantive hearing, because I would feel it is our obligation, similar to others who we are asking to continue to go to work. However, for the benefit of all involved, I believe remote hearings or "town halls" are far preferable at this time - similar to what cities, counties, school districts, and committees in the US House and Senate are doing. While I understand it has been stated that interim hearings must be in person, I am not certain if that is the only way to read the law. It might also be possible to hold hearings outside the Capitol complex in larger / well-spaced, even outdoor venues.

yes

Yes

Yes. They are an important legislative function and could easily be done by placing committees in the larger committee rooms.

Only if a virtual option was not possible.

Yes,

Yes.

I would prefer interim committee activities take place via online platforms which would provide the highest level of safety. If an online option is not made available and committee hearings are held in person with safety protocols, I would attend. Again, would hope for allowances to be made so testimony could be via online platform to limit the number of people gathering in one place.

Yes. In the Capital in either of the 3 largest committee meeting spaced. I believe it is necessary based on the need to establish protocol prior to session.

Yes I would participate

Yes. The work in the interim is vital to the success of Session.

No - I don't trust members or the chair of one of my committees to take protocol seriously.

Yes, it is time to get back to work. The regular committee rooms would be the best place. Not a fan of the mandatory mask.

Yes, interim work needs to proceed.

Yes because people are hurting in our state and need us to get our work done. Take steps to make it as safe as possible but not doing our work should not be the option.

If it only involved members I probably would participate but it put so many support staff at risk.

I have concerns about people convening from high risk and low risk areas.

No

I would recommend meeting by video or telecommunication but if the only option is to meet in person and safety protocols were in place, I would participate.

We have important issues to discuss related to covid. Access to health care and racial discrimination and worker safety being done of them

Yes, if everyone involved was compliant with the rules.

Yes I would. I think members have to interact in person with each other to be effective.

I want to participate - but I'm very leery of being in there person while the pandemic levels are so high. Once we get to where new cases have greatly reduced and the test positivity rate gets under 5% and IF we can all get tested daily/weekly with very short test turnaround times

Would prefer to see fewer cases first

Yes but would like remote/virtual option as well.

I would participate

Yes

Yes.

Yes

Yes, our jobs as legislators has to be done and should be done as long as it is safe for us to do so.

Yes

Yes I would attend if the proper safety protocols are in place.

Yes if they were at the Capitol. I believe there are to many uncontrollable variables outside the Capitol.

Yes. With proper protocols in place, it can be done safely.

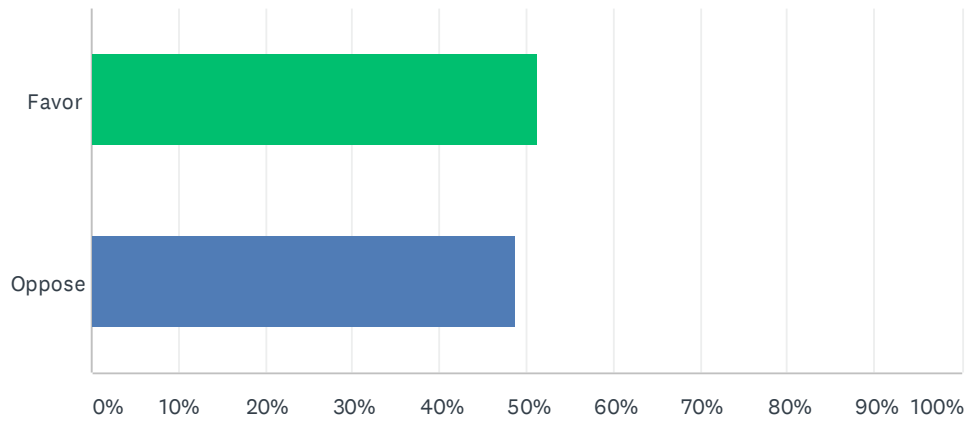
Yes, if these protocal were in place

Yes. We have got to get back to work, time is of the essence. But I will only agree to this if all safety protocols are met.

Yes, we were elected to do our job in person

Q12 Do you favor or oppose permitting visitor groups in the House Gallery during session?

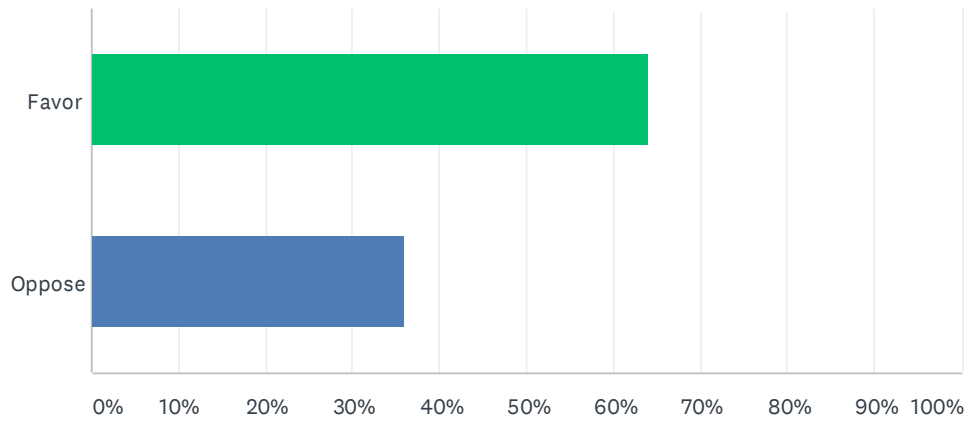
Answered: 111



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Favor	51.35%	57
Oppose	48.65%	54
TOTAL		111

Q13 Do you favor or oppose permitting visitor groups in the gallery during session if their size and number were limited?

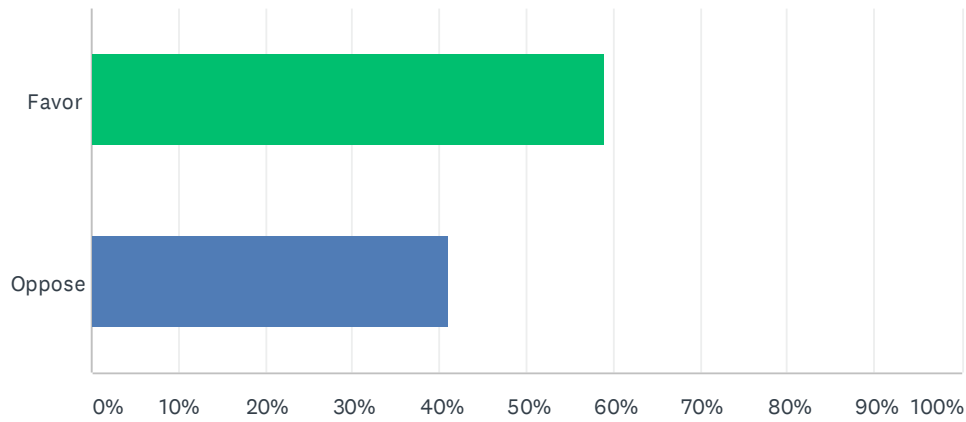
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Favor	63.96%	71
Oppose	36.04%	40
TOTAL		111

Q14 Do you favor or oppose suspending floor recognitions during the pandemic?

Answered: 110



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Favor		59.09%	65
Oppose		40.91%	45
TOTAL	TOTAL		110

Q15 What practices and protocols do you believe are necessary in order to safely conduct the legislative session in a manner that both protects the health and safety of lawmakers and staff and follows federal social distancing guidelines?

Answered: 98

RESPONSES

Restrict time on floor to absolute official business. Less ceremonies and pomp until normalcy is restored.

Digital Session.

Mandatory masks at all times (asking someone else to wipe down the microphone between people, temperature checks, establishing more distance (using the gallery seems like a good option).

Plexiglas between chairs, provide hand sanitizer. no mandatory masks

We should look for a way to maintain social distance while we conduct the business of the state. One suggestion would be to allow votes from Member offices at the Capitol, or completely remote if possible

mask mandate for all members unless seated or speaking or not in chamber

What is required of "essential businesses" is what should be required of us. I do think that spacing on the floor may be problematic in the house for some and the gallery may need to be used for better spacing.

Conduct business virtually when possible.

Rotate in person committee hearings so that some members are physically present while others are virtually present. In person Invited testimony only. The general public can testify virtually. Floor proceedings should only consist of 50 members at a time.

Too early to tell. Things may change between now and January.

I defer to the experts.

Masks, and frequent testing

When talking to another member on the floor if they want you to wear a mask you should. Members that don't want to be approached and talked to should stay seated and have an indicator on their desk they don't want to be talked to, it could have their floor phone number on it so members could call them. Question 16 should ask should it be a members choice. Anyone that wants to wear should wear

Covid testing those that develop symptoms and masks when social distancing cannot be achieved

Mandatory masks, Plexiglas installed in committee rooms and house floor, mandatory fever checks upon entering the capitol, immediate notification when contact tracing should there be a positive case.

Requiring everyone to wear masks, distance between individuals as much as possible by limiting capacity in the gallery, limiting large groups., provide sanitizer for members, staff, and the public, follow all CDC guidelines as the evolve.

We need to follow the guidance we are providing to our constituents as much as possible - limit occupancy of spaces, maintain social distancing, remain six feet apart, work virtually (if possible), wear face coverings, self-quarantine if exposed or symptomatic, etc. As well, rapid tests should be available for any onsite members or staff so if they become symptomatic, they can return to work as quickly as possible.

Face covering, proper sanitation, and proper social distancing.

Follow CDC guidelines, guidance from Medical experts and epidemiologists would help.

Trust one another to protect each other and ourselves. It might be interesting to find out if there's ways to vote for those who are afraid to come to the floor with her health doesn't allow it, from a distance but with facial recognition or fingerprint recognition for each vote

Masks where social distancing is not practical, hand sanitizing and washing, microphone covers

CDC protocols

Fear of large crowds will help more than any single thing to decrease crowding at the Capital. Temp checks are in order along with responsible behavior.

The same as going to HEB and Walmart.

Use CDC suggestions

Conduct the sessions virtually...whether in our Austin offices or at home.

Individual social distancing responsibilities

Masks, Distancing, sanitizers!

Adding touchless faucets in the restrooms. Providing a private pathway for lawmakers and staff to walk between their offices and the floor.

Allowing remote participation and voting.

Masks worn at all times. Social distancing enforced including using the house gallery if necessary.

Members and staff should be vaccinated; nobody should be in the building who doesn't have to be there.

Continuous cleaning/sanitizing daily. Air sanitizing equipment. Limited individuals access in Capitol.

Masks, strict reporting/notification when cases occur and contact tracing. Large rooms for hearings. Daily/hourly disinfecting of common spaces.

Limit access to the floor for only members and necessary staff to conduct house business.

1. Only allow members and essential staff (e.g. parliamentarian, clerk, etc) in the Capitol during the pandemic. Most staff should work from home, the public should be provided with alternative ways to communicate with members, lobbyists/tourists should not be allowed in the building. 2. Only allow members and essential staff into the Capitol for floor votes. Committee meetings should be conducted virtually. 3. Limit access to elevators to members and essential staff with disabilities. 4. Enforce two week quarantine for all members and essential staff prior to opening day.

1) Mandated wearing of mask; 2) Proper sanitation of the facility; 3) Practice social distancing; 4) Virtual meetings; 5) Minimize large groupings; 6) Attendance check in from your office by logging in; 7) Set a period for face to face discussion on critical issues.

Allow proxy voting. Limit time on floor. Require masks. Maybe require "recognition to speak for ceremonial purposes" to be written and submitted by Seargeant or electronically. Require members to stay seated as much as possible. Use desk phones more.

Mandatory mask. Extra cleaning and sanitizing

not sure

Masks, temp/symptom checks, social distancing. We do it every day at the hospital. Not complicated.

The items I've marked in the questions above.

Social distancing, hand sanitizer

Temperature checks, frequent testing and screening of staff and members, practicing social distancing, frequent cleaning.

Utilizing masks, social distancing, hand sanitizer and the use of zoom for meetings and discussion.

Mandatory COVID testing for all legislators and staffers prior to the start of session; routine testing during session; temperature checks upon entry into the Capitol; mandatory use of masks in common areas; following all CDC and local Travis County health guidelines.

Follow the guidelines outlined by health experts.

follow normal safety protocols

masks, hand sanitizer, temp checks

make sure same security measures are in place as last session. Encourage people to follow federal guidelines by posting recommended guidelines.

Checking and screening people and having limited access and group sizes to ensure limited transmission of virus so we can operate as close to normal.

We need to have our desk and ourselves spaced out like they are in the Senate.

Hand sanitizing stations may be added around the building and on Capitol grounds if that has not already been considered as an option.

Limit each member to filing 10 bills plus 2 local. Strongly encourage members to self limit amendments. Require 12 hour pre-filing of all floor amendments except near end of session. Allow vote by registering in advance on L&C and Resolutions calendars. Limit members lounge to drinks only. Break for meals so we can go to office to eat. Strongly encourage chairs to avoid late night hearings. Same schedule for floor. Don't need fatigue dragging members' immune systems down. Encourage chairs reasonably limit number of witnesses on any bill. Have all offices, committee rooms, chamber cleaned nightly. Restrooms cleaned often during each day.

Masks

Face covering should be mandatory and temperature checks should be done everyday during session.

Real time periodic testing with results, perhaps more frequent pool testing

require masks; limit public access to the Capitol; adhere to social distancing as much as possible; provide free, readily available testing for lawmakers, staff and Capitol personnel; disinfect common areas daily;

Allow people to make good choices.

Social distancing must be maintained and strict medical guidelines must be in place.

Using common sense practices

Adequate supply of PPE for members and staff. Spacing on floor and in offices Literature should be emailed rather than dropped off at each office. Keep TLC document delivery procedures. Install better office equipment/computers so each has a camera for more virtual use. Limit individuals at front and back mics to person speaking only.

Again, the lid is off the can of worms and there's no stopping the spread of COVID. We are beginning to see that early detection and treatment are working extremely well. Why not invest in rapid tests and medication for members/staff instead of trying to keep everyone from getting COVID, which is impossible.

Shields on the floor between members. Masks on floor. Sanitary wipes at the lecterns. No members lounge. No guests on the floor. Only members and staff essential to the business. No people in the lobby outside Committees broadcast as well as testimony with only members and essential staff in the committee room(s). Testimony done remotely.

I think recognizing people from the floor should be limited and have them seated in the gallery. The back area of the House floor should have limited access. Floor access should be limited also. Hand sanitizer stations and constant cleaning of restrooms and lounge area for members. Possibly another area that members can eat that has more distance than the lounge. Back area behind the floor or the AG museum.

I support the recommendations of public health authorities for conducting required business of the legislature.

The answer to this question (and others I answered above) assume the pandemic is still at a serious level, as it is now. At a minimum - mandatory mask wearing, compliance with social distancing among members and staff, wide availability of hand sanitizer and hand-washing locations, likely closure of lounge spaces, limits on the amount of time spent with groups in indoor spaces (including on the floor of the House). Rules should be changed / clarified to allow virtual committee hearings during session. We should find ways to expedite business on the floor so that we do not have marathon sessions and can reduce the amount of time spent

voting. As a practical matter we must prioritize the most important legislation and adjust our calendar in light of what is happening with the virus. If things are bad enough or if the evidence from other legislatures suggests the need, we could consider some form of proxy voting. We could possibly have microphones at each desk, such as they have in the Senate, to minimize movement on the floor. Gathering at the rostrum should likely be halted. Numerous other adjustments (for instance, requiring advance posting of floor amendments, allowing time for them to be evaluated remotely the day or evening before) might be needed. Testing should at a minimum be available in a manner consistent with its availability to the general public. Someone who shows symptoms and has been in contact with others should be required to test. We must have a protocol in place if members test positive. While regular and universal testing would be ideal, we must evaluate the extent to which rapid testing and timely results are available to the general public. Many would understandably question lawmakers providing testing for themselves which is not similarly available to the general public (teachers, police, front-line workers, etc.). This comment applies to my answers below regarding testing. These are initial thoughts - obviously a detailed set of practices and protocols would need to be established.

use of virtual technology where appropriate

Everyone in the building needs to get tested every two weeks. Reducing staff/interns allows greater space in individual offices. Any group/association wishing to meet with members or staff needs to be tested prior to meeting and wear masks/shields. Ventilation system needs to be upgraded.

Since we don't know the course of COVID-19 in the months ahead, I think we will need to see which steps are appropriate at that time.

Capacity limitations are the main thing.

I don't see a way to have 150 members on the House floor and have them social distanced, 6 feet apart. Therefore, the most fair system would be to turn to technology and allow for floor debates to be conducted via computer/cameras/microphones set up in members' offices in the Capitol. Amendments could be filed online via a secure website. With some creative thinking, much of what we do can be handled via technology so we are not risking our health and potentially spreading the virus. The number of staff members coming to the Capitol should be limited and their work spaces should be spaced at least 6 feet apart.

Adherence to CDC guidelines

Follow CDC guidelines

We will have to look at preassigned times to come on the floor and vote. Or devise a manner in which a Member can vote on multiple measures at one designated voting times. All 150 members + staff on the floor at once for hours on end is not a viable option.

I do not see how we can safely social distance on the house floor and follow guidelines. I don't know what the answer is because I don't have access to all the information.

Everyone should use personal responsibility. The Federal Guidelines are just that, guidelines, they are not mandatory. Time to open Texas.

Follow distancing guidelines and, where not possible, the use of masks.

Limiting persons on the house floor and in committee. Create virtual observations rooms but almost take a number and only those within a number group can be in the actual committee room and they must leave the room and return to virtual observation after they testify Also eliminate all ceremonial work. Focus on necessary substantive work. Members and staff don't want to be at risk to honor a random sports team but are willing to take risk to make sure that important bills like the state budget, education and healthcare issues get passed etc.

Face mask and regular testing of staff and members.

Routine testing for all members and staff and mask mandates.

Wearing masks. Sitting at least 6 feet apart.

Close the Capitol to staff and members and essential employees only

Limiting access to the Capitol. Proper health screenings and mask mandates. As many hand-sanitizing stations as humanly possible.

I think members have to be able to interact. We should wear masks until we have a vaccine. We should not have guests in the chamber. We should still recognize people from the floor who are with us virtually.

The legislators should probably be tested frequently ourselves. And I feel for the admin group - I know you're working hard and this situation has many moving parts. ((If Chair Geren sees this message - my personal gratitude and respect to you sir, you're doing a great job and I cannot think of anyone I trust more to help navigate this situation. We are truly blessed to have you looking out for us. -Jon Rosenthal))

Changes to rules that might allow remote hearings if there is an outbreak in the building.

Sanitizing, less physical contact

Mask and temperature checks

Wear masks, social distance, practice recommended hygiene protocols.

It would be nice if we could vote from our offices for both floor and committee hearings

Do not allow the public in the building unless absolutely necessary

CDC guidelines regarding PPE, temperature checks, proper hand sanitizing stations, and having masks required.

Hand sanitizer stations. Temp checks entering offices. Mask. Meetings by appointment only. As little paper transfers as possible (electronic everything).

Masks must be required at all times. Floor access should be limited to members and essential staff and press. Members should not touch another member's desk/voting buttons. No congregating at the Mics. Votes need to be left open for a period of time to allow members to vote safely. Major revisions to the House rules will be needed.

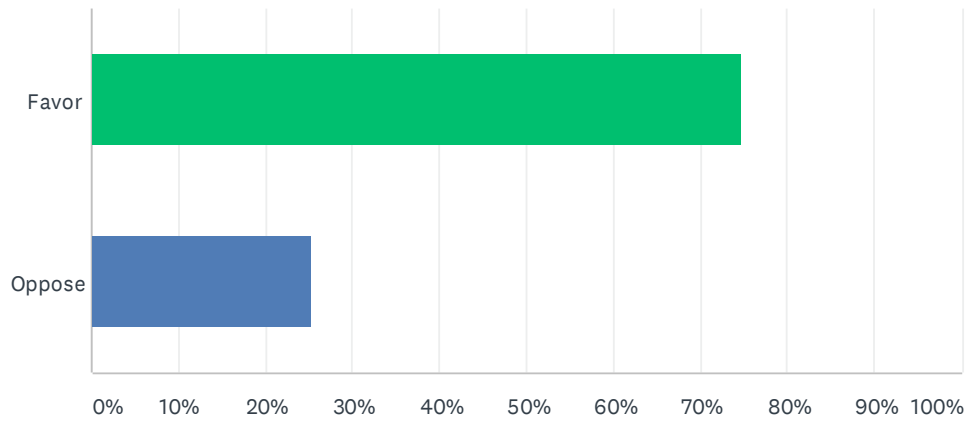
wear mask, need hand sanitizer available, etc...

Mandatory Masks Social Distancing PPE Hand Sanitizers Limited Public Access to Capitol Constant Temperature Checks Routine Testing for Members and Staff If a breakout occurs, immediate suspension of legislature until it's dealt with.

Personal responsibility and readily available rapid testing

Q16 Do you favor or oppose requiring face masks during session and any other legislative activities within the Capitol?

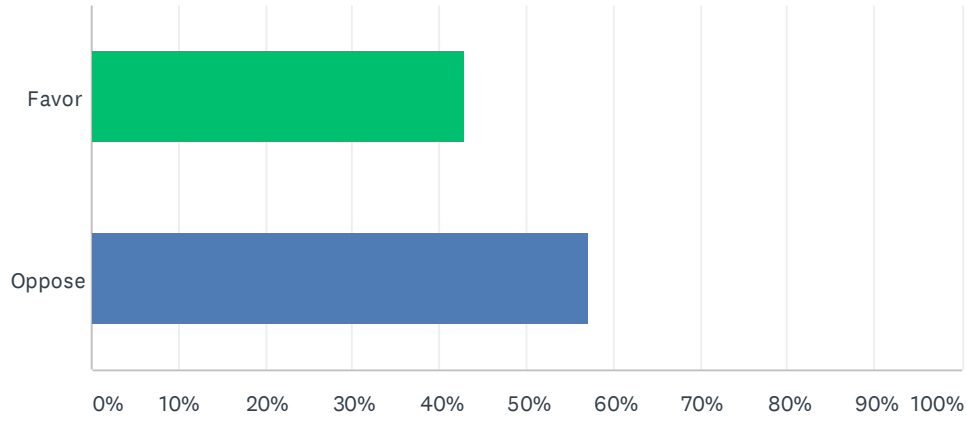
Answered: 111



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Favor	74.77%	83
Oppose	25.23%	28
TOTAL		111

Q17 Do you favor or oppose requiring face shields during session and any other legislative activities within the Capitol?

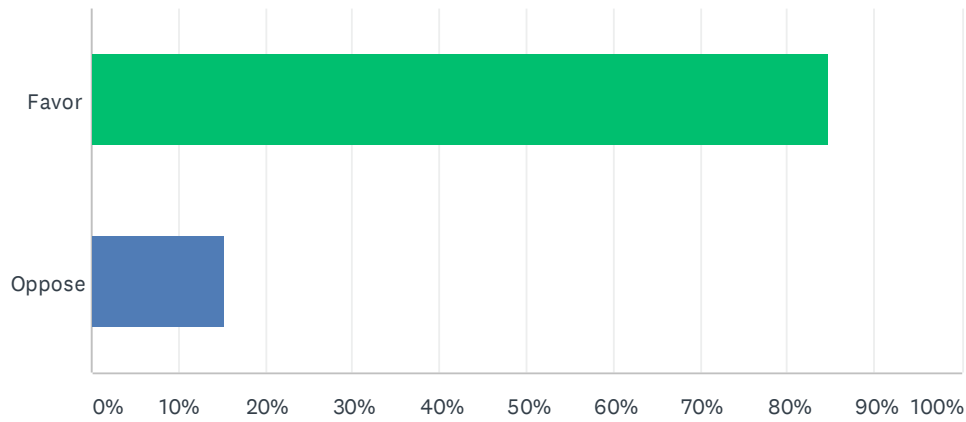
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Favor	42.99%	46
Oppose	57.01%	61
TOTAL		107

Q18 Do you favor or oppose requiring daily temperature checks during session and any other legislative activities within the Capitol?

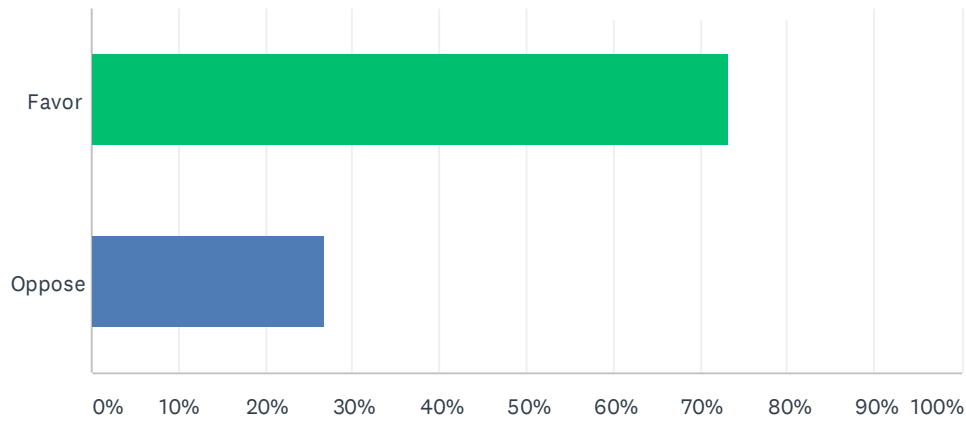
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Favor		84.68%	94
Oppose		15.32%	17
TOTAL	TOTAL		111

Q19 Do you favor or oppose requiring testing for COVID-19 during session and any other legislative activities within the Capitol?

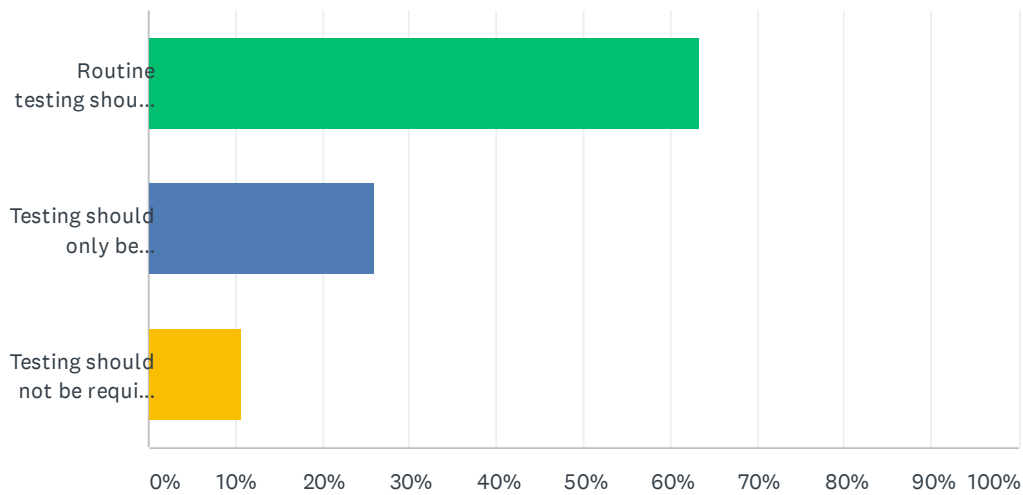
Answered: 112



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Favor	73.21%	82
Oppose	26.79%	30
TOTAL		112

Q20 To what degree should testing for COVID-19 be required for lawmakers during the legislative session?

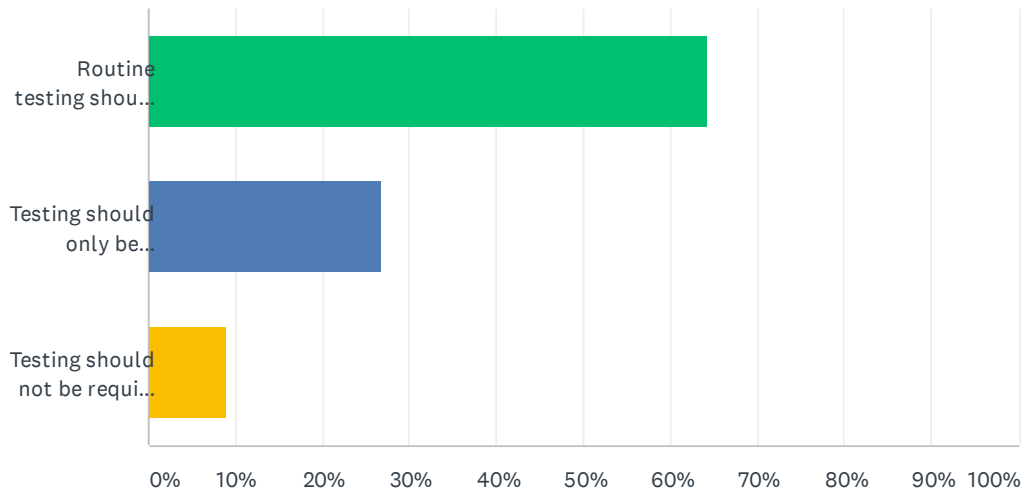
Answered: 112



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Routine testing should be conducted among lawmakers even if they are not presenting symptoms.	63.39%	71
Testing should only be conducted on lawmakers who are presenting symptoms of COVID-19.	25.89%	29
Testing should not be required for lawmakers.	10.71%	12
TOTAL		112

Q21 To what degree should testing for COVID-19 be required for staff who are working within the Capitol?

Answered: 112



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Routine testing should be conducted among House staff even if they are not presenting symptoms.	64.29%	72
Testing should only be conducted on staff who are presenting symptoms of COVID-19.	26.79%	30
Testing should not be required for staff.	8.93%	10
TOTAL		112

Q22 How should PPE and social distancing be enforced among lawmakers, staff, and visitors while in the State Capitol?

Answered: 95

RESPONSES

Like the rest Of the state

Required at all times.

Warning first, then removal from the building if there's a refusal to comply.

No enforcement.

IDK

The same manner that house rules are enforced now. Through discussion, peer pressure and extending grace to those who don't agree with us (this actually doesn't happen as much as it should).

Admission denied

Honor system.

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Very seriously by dps

They should be politely made aware of the Capitol recommendations.

Guidelines and requirements should be clearly outlined on doors and expectations should be clearly articulated

PPE (masks, face shields, etc should always be enforced by everyone entering the Capitol.

Much like the guidance we have given to Texans returning to their offices, masks are required in all common areas, but can be removed while eating or at a desk. Staff should set rotating schedules to work at home when possible to limit the number of people in offices. Visitors groups should be limited in size and only permitted in offices with pre-set meetings. Committee hearings should be limited in attendance numbers, as well.

Individual responsibility

Members should enforce common sense measures in their office.

It's hard to enforce, trust one another. I think the average person will protect themselves and others better than any rules or regulations.

Require PPE and social distancing where possible.

PPE abs social distancing should be implemented according to the CDC guidelines.

They will be responsible. We don't need additional rules

According to CDC guidelines

Sgt at arms

PPE and social distancing should be strictly enforced but unfortunately Gov. Abbott has ruined any efforts of universal compliance and I don't want to put my family at risk for his and other's political statements.

Individual responsibility only

DPS

It should be encouraged, not enforced.

Just as any other House/Senate/State/Preservation Board rule.

Masks required at all times. Room occupancy limits to ensure social distancing. Shielding between lawmakers themselves as well as the public.

Sargeants and law enforcement if necessary.

DPS

Give the option to comply or leave.

Bar offenders from access..

If any person refuses to follow public health orders or breaks any other state law, DPS should write tickets and remove the offender from the Capitol grounds. They should be treated as if they are vandalizing the Capitol itself.

1) Post requirements and rules; 2) Have a temperature screening upon entrance in the building; 3) /Enforcement should be a warning, then an exit from the building if someone is not complying.

Strictly

CDC guidelines

strictly

No mask no entrance. House Admin personnel and DPS should have authority to enforce best practices.

DPS

All House members must be admitted to the Texas House.

I believe the same way businesses are requiring the use of mask and social distancing for patrons is the way we should enforce it as well.

Removal from premises on first offense; revoking of Capitol access/privileges on subsequent offenses.

With reminders

DPS

voluntary participation

By house rules and by our staff and DPS in the Capitol

Heavily

Each member should have full authority over their office area and staff. Chairs manage hearings. Common areas just an honor system with encouragement to comply via signs, etc.

Like any other House rule.

If required, by DPS.

Staff and visitors should be asked to leave the Capitol if they fail to abide by the safety precautions.

Encouraged not mandated.

It should always be required. With regard to COVID-19 testing, results should be received as quickly as possible to prevent further spread.

Provide people with information and let them decide.

Lawmakers have a personal responsibility to act in a way that protects citizens, their staff and colleagues.

People should use common sense practices.

Uniform signage reminders throughout Training for members, staff, Seargeant staff & DPS

It shouldn't.

Wear PPE in the building and outside when you can't socially distance yourself. Create norms for social distancing by limiting people and interactions

Our officers walking the premises and advising of the rules.

DPS, House Sergeant, Committee Chairs, Leadership.

As an initial matter, members must take collective responsibility for this. For the House, rules should be promulgated by the Speaker and/or House Administration and could be part of the adopted House Rules for the session if necessary. Initial violations should be handled informally or via warnings from the Speaker and/or Chair of House Administration. For staff or visitors, repeated / deliberate violations could result in revocation of attendance privileges to the extent they existed. For members, repeated / deliberate violations of duly enacted House rules, or state laws, could perhaps be referred to a committee or sub-committee established for the purpose of assessing such violations and determining an appropriate response.

mandatory, enforced by capitol personnel including DPS

Visitors should be removed. PPE products should be offered for purchase using member budgets. Social distancing can be relaxed in the member offices if everyone is tested. Staff not following social distancing or PPE should be brought before House Administration or HR and/or terminated.

Mandatory enforcement at all times

This is difficult. I feel more strongly that visitors without business in the Capitol be required to wear PPE and Social distance: Less enthusiastic about those that are required to be there and work each day.

Let people decide.

Those not following rules will be asked to leave the Capitol.

Utilizing an honor system.

Face masks mandatory

Masks and/or shields should be required if one is in the building and around others. If one is in their office with no other staff, a mask/shield should not be required.

DPS should enforce all protocol.

By personal responsibility. No enforcement.

Polite reminder subject to removal from the area.

DPS should remove anyone unwilling to comply

Either comply or leave the building

Decisions should be made based upon public health best practices. If members and other refuse to follow guidelines they should not be allowed in the Capitol.

Incorporate into House Rules

Should be enforced upon entry.

Mandatory

Strict requirements via our enforcement of decorum.

You should be required to wear PPE to enter floor or committee room until we have a vaccine.

This is a tough one, because I can imagine that individual offices will do as they do and members and staff are known to be "strong willed" at times. I think advisory can be made for offices and in general and (hopefully) we can have some requirements in places where we meet together such as the house floor and members' lounge, committee rooms, etc.

It should be required

House Administration Committee for members and staff. DPS for visitors

Visitors should be denied access, if they don't have appropriate PPE. Once they are in, they should be asked to comply. If they won't, it will be impossible to force compliance.

By the Sargent in the House and DPS in the Capitol.

Up to each member

Self enforcement.

Left to Member discretion for lawmakers and staff. Visitors to be removed if seen without ppe on.

The House and SPB should adopt rules requiring PPE and social distancing and empower the House Sergeants and DPS with enforcing those rules.

Respect others around you wishes

Initial warnings if violating. Continuous violations then require person to be banned form the Capitol.

Voluntary warning

Q23 If lawmakers or staff refuse a COVID-19 test, how do you believe that should be handled?

Answered: 95

RESPONSES

Whatever the law says.

Not allowed to enter or be on the floor.

Folks, regardless of who they are, should not be allowed in the building for 10 days after being symptomatic or testing positive, 14 days after close contact with someone who is positive. And we should change the rules to allow voting, adding statements to the record, and committee participation remotely, so that no one is penalized for following CDC recommendations.

Shouldn't be required.

refused access to committees and floor

Great question. If they are asymptomatic, then I don't think refusal of testing should have any consequences. If they are symptomatic, then they should be treated as positive. I think we will have to come up with a way to vote from isolation in offices in the capitol, as removing someone's vote for two weeks or more who may have a false positive would be unfair to them and their district.

Participation limited till tested

Notify lawmakers and staff that an individual refused to take the test.

depends on whether they are symptomatic or have a known exposure, or whether they have already been infected and recovered and have demonstrated immunity

Perhaps a 14 day quarantine if symptoms are present? Treat as a presumed positive.

Not allowed in building, they are putting our families at risk

It depends if they are showing symptoms.

I think if they have symptoms then they are tested or should not be present

Limited access to common areas within the Capitol until they have completed routine testing.

They have a right to refuse the test, but should be asked to work virtually for at least 14 days.

Can't force it on them.

Members should be notified of staff or members not agreeing to testing. To allow the avoidance of contact.

If they are presenting symptoms and refused to test, I recommend sending them home to work from home

Discretion of the members unless policies and procedures manual and/or House rules are amended.

Interesting question but the answer is not easy to decide.

It's their choice

Should not be allowed in public spaces.

not sure at this time

They should have to conduct work virtually until we have total compliance.

Should not be required

Remove them!

Assuming they are symptomatic, they should be barred from the Capitol for the time frame equal to the CDC recommended quarantine.

they should be limited in capitol access if they are not willing to take precautions

Mandate remote participation/voting for members, and remote work for staff.

I believe staff should be required to work virtually.

They should be prohibited from entering the building.

Not sure.

Required to participate remotely

Bar admission to the house floor or committee room.

If any person refuses to follow Capitol safety protocols, that person should be removed from Capitol grounds.

If they are demonstrating symptoms they should be asked not to return until they get a written clearance.

I don't think that will happen

Denied floor access or committee hearing where the potential is higher to infect others

for the body to determine... remove floor access

If they are symptomatic and refuse a test then they must be quarantined for 14 days before being allowed back in the Capitol.

Lawmakers have a right to be there and vote on legislation. No one should have the ability to remove a lawmaker from fulfilling his or her duty.

Not sure

They should be excluded from participation in activities, and instead work remotely.

Not allowed to conduct business to be in contact with others.

Immediate revoking of Capitol access/privileges.

It depends on the circumstances. If they refuse after they were knowingly exposed to it then there could be a mandatory leave period of 14 days or whatever the current recommendation is for remaining away from people. This could likely delay the legislative session depending on who and how many people this applies to though and the rules would have to be amended to allow an extension of the session.

quarantined to their office

they should be banned meetings, session etc

no action

Isolate the member and not let staff in the building

They should not be allowed to potentially expose others. They could be asymptomatic.

Not allowed to participate.

Refused entry to building.

Staff must present an acceptable medical reason for refusing to comply; otherwise must leave the Capitol. For a lawmaker, it is probably a more difficult situation on how to handle it but their full access to the Capitol should be restricted if they have no reasonable medical reason for refusing to take the test.

Roughly

They should be required to work remotely. We could adopt House Rules for virtual pairing if needed due to COVID-19.

Their body, their choice

Members should address among themselves. Every situation will be unique. We need to respect one another's requests.

They should be left alone.

Probably can't force it so thoroughly explain need and hope most will participate

There shouldn't be any mandatory tests in the first place.

They can't participate

They may not be admitted to committee rooms or the House floor.

They should not be aloud to enter the building.

I am assuming the House were to approve of a rule requiring such testing, and there is a refusal by a member or staff to comply with the rule after repeated warnings / admonitions. In general, I believe it should be treated like other violations of house rules. I would propose that the Parliamentarian provide a summary of sanctions and penalties that have historically been available generally for rule violations, and that a committee be designated to hear the dispute and determine an appropriate response.

they cannot enter the building

The same way they would if they refused or failed to pass the sexual harassment training.

Deny entrance

There is a big difference between the mouth swab test and other tests. I guess my answer depends on which test you are suggesting be administered. The sinus one is pretty invasive.

No consequence.

They will be asked to leave the Capitol.

Quarantine as per cdc guidelines

They should be dismissed from the building for the then recommended CDC quarantine period or until they can produce a negative test.

They should be promptly removed from the building

First, there should not be a mandatory test. Second, that is their right. Third, I foresee lawsuits.

If refused upon demonstrating symptoms, removal from the Capitol.

Should not be allowed access. My previous comments about requiring testing is based on cerns about the test result timing. Currently results are tasking upwards of 10 days. That response time is inadequate to enforce a meaningful testing protocol. The timeliness and accuracy of the tests should determine whether to put a testing requirement in place.,

Staff should leave the building. Not sure what authority we have over members

They should not be allowed to participate in in person gatherings

Staff shouldn't be admitted.

They should not be allowed to participate.

No floor access no committee access on the dais

I assume we can find a way for them to vote remotely. We probably can't divest them of the right to vote entirely. But they can't be allowed to participate with the rest of us that are following the rules.

Should not be allowed to enter committte rooms or chamber. Should be allowed to participate remotely from their office.

Tough question, and I can think of a few who may be outspoken. I wonder if we can make a rules vote on day one to require testing in order to be in working areas that we share - or disallow the member from personally interacting in our common working spaces.

Confer with Chair of House Administration

I don't want to be tested for COVID 19 but believe routine temperatures should be taken

If they exhibit symptoms and refuse the test they should not be permitted in the building. If no symptoms and they refuse the test, there should be no consequences.

You will not be able to force the lawmaker. However, the lawmaker should be able to force their staff.

I believe as a Member we should decide the rules in the House and majority rule.

Testing should only be required if someone has been exposed or are showing symptoms. If someone refuses they are denied entry.

Continue to work with that member to educate him or her on the importance of limiting the spread of COVID 19.

Test should not be forced. So refusal should not need to be handled just tracked.

It should be addressed in the House rules. This requires a substantive discussion among members

They need to be placed somewhere away from the rest of us. If exposed, they need to be forcefully quarantined.

Q24 In the event one or a combination of safety measures including face masks, face shields, and temperature checks are required, how should it be handled if a lawmaker or staff member declines to participate?

Answered: 101

RESPONSES

Whatever the law says.

The same way it is when they aren't wearing the right shoes or attire. They can't complain about liberty re masks if they never did re shoelaces.

If we can enforce members wearing ties on the floor, we can enforce them wearing masks and doing a temperature check.

Nothing. If they decline we should let the system peer pressure paly out.

See 23

Same as above.

Participation in venue denied

Notify the other lawmakers and staff that the individual declined to participate.

if those are the rules they must be followed to engage in activities in person in the building

If the procedures are adopted as part of the House rules can they be enforceable in the same way? If we can require a suit jacket surely we can require a mask. Create an isolated COVID wing in the extension for those who refuse to wear mask to office together.

Not allowed on property, they are putting our families in risk

A polite reminder to respect others

They should be encouraged to comply.

Limited access to common areas within the Capitol (including House Gallery) until they comply. Should they refuse, they can access house gallery virtually via video conference.

If consistently ignoring safety requirements and protocols, possibly censure or removal of privileges.

Every attempt should be made to accommodate those members who are uncomfortable or medically sensitive. But if we are asking all Texans to do these things, then we should also be doing them.

Can't force it on them.

Must be enforced on the House Floor or in committee.

It's important to allow individual freedoms, if one person is not wearing a mask but someone who's worried about themselves is, they should be protected by the mask that they are wearing. I don't believe this should be mandatory and there should be no punishment or repercussions

Discretion of the members unless policies and procedures manual and/or House rules are amended.

They may be able to zoom the meeting from another area.

It's their choice.

I am against mandatory face masks

no sure

They should have to attend virtually and vote virtually.

Should not be required

Remove from chamber

Encouragement over enforcement.

same as above

Mandate remote participation/voting for members, and remote work for staff.

They should be punished as allowable under the house rules.

They should not be allowed in the building, and if already in the building, they should be escorted out of the building by law enforcement until they comply with necessary precautions.

It doesn't matter because I will be protecting myself as if everyone has COVID-19.

Work remotely

Bar admission to house floor or committee room.

No one can "decline to participate" with state orders or Capitol protocols and remain in the Capitol. A member can't decide to graffiti the House chamber just because they're a member. Let's not overthink this.

They should not be able to participate, (the member and staffer both would be required to work outside of the building limiting their participation and engagement. It's not about them. It's about the entire body, not how one person feels..

That won't happen

If it is a rule and that rule is broken then they shall be escorted out, the same way if I don't wear a tie or jacket

remove floor access

No tolerance policy for this. Do your job safely or stay home.

It should not be forced on lawmakers.

Don't know

Lawmakers should not be penalized for choosing to not wear face masks.

Don't allow them to participate in daily activities until they comply with requirements.

Immediate revoking of Capitol access/privileges.

At some point the line has to be drawn and a decision made as to who those protocols are in place for and if it is the greater good of all then those who elect not to participate should stay away from everyone who does. If the rule is to wear a mask but they refuse then they should not participate. Just like businesses can deny people service for not complying.

see 23

same

no action

Tell member he has to stay in his office and staff to not enter the building

They should not be allowed to enter and potentially expose others.

Again each member must have the authority in their office. But we cannot force anything.

Not allowed to participate.

Refused entry into building.

Their access to the Capitol must be restricted for safety reasons of others.

Internally. And as discretely as social media permits these days

They should be required to work remotely. Direct them all to a designated safety non-compliance working area in a nearby state building. Lawmakers would be required to arrange virtual pairing for votes (as mentioned in a prior comment) and/or virtual attendance for committee hearings/floor debate.

Their body, their choice.

Respect their wishes, take it on a case by case basis.

They should be left alone

See above

They shouldn't be required or enforced.

They should then have the most of austere and restricted access to other members and staff

They should not be admitted to the House floor or Committee rooms.

They should not be able to participate in the legislative process.

See my answer to #23 above. I would suggest a similar approach.

they can participate virtually

Lawmaker should be publicly identified so as to give notice to other members. Staff member should lose all Capitol access privileges.

Deny entrance

I guess they should be therefore willing to isolate themselves from the rest of us.

Let members decide.

They will not be admitted to the Capitol.

All members should be made aware that there are non-compliant members and staffers.

Should be up to the member

See answer to #23 above.

They should be removed from the building

Required by whom? Will the legislature vote? Will the Governor dictate? Will this be for all State buildings? Should not be enforced.

Restrict attendance.

They should not be allowed to participate. It is not different than requiring pants. I double a lawmaker would be allowed to participate in their underwear

Staff should be removed from building. Not sure what can be done with members.

Should not be allowed to join in person convenings.

Restrict staffer access

They should not be allowed to participate.

No floor access no committee access

The member can't participate with the other members. Create some remote option. Staff should be denied entrance into the building.

Should not be allowed to enter committte rooms or chamber. Should be allowed to participate remotely from their office.

Make it the rules, they shouldn't be allowed to endanger the other reps. Many of us are at risk for severe issues with this thing

If they are symptomatic or have know exposure, they should not be in the building.

Go before House Administration Committee

They should not be allowed in the Capitol

If it is required and they refuse, they should not be permitted by n the building.

Not sure that you can force the lawmaker. For the staff, you could possibly require them to isolate or work remotely.

I believe as a Member we should decide the rules in the House and majority rule.

Testing shall be required if someone is showing symptoms or has been exposed. The lawmaker staff refuses a test they should not be allowed entry into the building.

That decision would have to be handled by the sergeant of arms.

Not allowed to enter the house floor/committee room. Still allowed in office. No extended issues.

They should not have access to the Floor/building. For members, just as we have to wear a tie on the floor, we can be required to wear a mask

It needs to be known among the members publicly who declined to be tested.

They need to work away from the capitol. They should be held fully liable for possibly exposing innocent people.

Leave up to each legislators office

Q25 Do you believe the House should consider amending its rules or housekeeping resolution in times of a pandemic or natural disaster, and if so, what types of amendments would you consider most important, taking into account the public access requirements outlined within the House Rules and Texas Constitution?

Answered: 94

RESPONSES

Yes. Restrict testimony to prevent routine marathons. Presubmitted testimony provided to the legislators and staff. Restricted to word count.

We should not have to be in the same building together, and if so, we need to follow safety protocols outlined by the CDC. The public should not be allowed inside.

Yes. We need to allow folks ways to participate remotely, both so that our higher risk members have safe options and so that members will be encouraged to follow self-quarantine guidelines without being penalized. I also think we need to allow the public to participate remotely or off-site somewhere that is more conducive to good social distancing practices, so that they still have access to capitol business but aren't putting themselves and the larger community at risk.

This situation has shown the need to set limitations on government power. For the moment, there is no "constitution", we are being led by emotions.

yes, along with use of technology to ensure public access

limit on bill filing, limit hearings, limit testimony

Yes

Allow virtual testimony for hearings

Yes

yes

I am open to whatever works to keep everyone safe.

Safety amendments

Eliminate media and pages from floor. Media can watch from gallery or online.

Rules should allow for remote or virtual meetings. Systems must be implemented to allow public access as well.

The House should consider amending rules including limiting public access if we are in the middle of a pandemic.

Yes; allow for logistical considerations without violating open government laws on meetings.

Yes, as we need to allow greater flexibility for the business of the state to continue even when some of us cannot be physically present.

Any house rules and amendments should be considered at the time at the beginning of session per our usual protocol.

If the public cannot access the Capitol, we need to limit or slow the action we take. (Delayed start on "real session", staggering committees *snake draft on order, etc.,)

Do you only thing I can think of is what I mentioned earlier, facial recognition or fingerprint recognition for individual members to participate if they cannot come to the floor, or if they are afraid to come to the floor due to fear for their health

yes, making certain efforts approved by the body mandatory.

Yes, however, I believe there are several ideas that would make the adjustment such as the webinar, Zoom etc.

No

Follow CDC guidelines

yes, to allow some virtual meetings.

Allowing the House to conduct business virtually and introduce amendments based on facts and science. Ensuring that the legislature is acting as a co-equal branch of government and not allowing the governor unilateral authority to decide how to protect (or not protect) the people.

House rules should be changed To enable a continuance of Government during a pandemic. Committees should be allowed to meet online/Microsoft office/zoom etc.

Adding requirements that follow good protocol!

Allowance for committees to meet electronically, and that the Capitol could not be closed by the executive branch for legislative work and oversight.

Allow for virtual hearings always. Allow for the House to convene virtually if there is a statewide disaster declared.

Yes; and in this day and age, "public access" can be accomplished with virtual access by the public.

Yes, if they will prevent the comprising of one's health.

All people should be required to adhere to CDC guidelines. Should allow for video hearings.

Change rule to limit access to the public in pandemic.

House rules should be adopted that align with state public health orders and CDC guidelines. For instance, allowing (and requiring) committees to meet virtually.

Rule amendment is critical. 1) limited access; 2) On-line participation and meetings; and 3) Ensure safety

No

not sure

Undecided.

Some level of digital work could be done, but I'd need more information about it before supporting it.

I believe that amendments should be considered and debated. I also believe that public access should be considered of primary importance.

Yes, due to the current situation we must continue to use televised committees and limit the amount of people who enter to testify along with facial covering and social distancing requirements.

Amend the rules related to in-person committee hearings and public access to the legislature; permit proxy voting.

This question is better suited for an in person discussion.

no need to change rules

Yes

no

no

Only two say we are doing these precautions

Limit each member to filing 10 bills plus 2 local. Strongly encourage members to self limit amendments. Require 12 hour pre-filing of all floor amendments except near end of session. Allow vote by registering in advance on L&C and Resolutions calendars. Limit members lounge to drinks only. Break for meals so we can go to office to eat. Strongly encourage chairs to avoid late night hearings. Same schedule for floor. Don't need fatigue dragging members' immune systems down. Encourage chairs reasonably limit number of witnesses on any bill. Have all offices, committee rooms, chamber cleaned nightly. Restrooms cleaned often during each day.

Yes, but they should only be temporary during the pandemic.

Rules should allow and facilitate electronic meetings and testimony.

Yes the rules need to be amended both in times of a pandemic and natural disasters. Perhaps members can be allowed to conduct business and vote online from our Capitol office. The

public can also watch online.

Allowance of virtual meetings, especially when no decisions are to be made or votes taken.
Limitation on duration and extent of executive powers

Yes

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Yes, amendments that protect the public and Capitol personnel and that give the public virtual access to maintain government transparency.

No.

Yes; possibly in cases affecting entire state for a prolonged period of time (such as this) rather than in periods of short duration where the "emergency" is regional or otherwise isolated. Accommodations for virtual access should be examined.

Not necessarily.

Mask wearing rules. Social distancing guidelines and testing guidelines for members

Yes.

Yes. Amendments that provide flexibility and technology to meet public access requirements.

Assuming circumstances at the time still merit it, I believe we should adopt House Rules and a housekeeping resolution that incorporate various provisions outlined above in previous responses - such as providing that committees may meet virtually. Note that by the time of the 87th regular session, we will have the benefit of the experience of the US Congress and of many state legislatures around the country. We should do a careful study of that experience to determine what we should incorporate into our procedures.

yes

If there's a way to allow secure online access to view and participate in committee hearings, we might need to work through and consider for that so work can take place in the interim.

In times of pandemic, only the member and one other staff member can be in the Capitol office. Others should work remotely. Special sessions should be called with the option of remote voting via secure system. Committees dealing with health issues/safety should be automatically called to meet and provide guidance to the governor.

Yes. Accommodating the public by electronic or virtual means is a practical approach

No. I think that just opens up a pandora's box.

Modify the rules to allow committee meetings to occur virtually, and in hybrid format with a priority on allowing public participation.

Yes, the rules should allow for committee hearings and House floor activities to be conducted virtually.

I am open to consideration. However, I do not have any specific recommendations.

Limit access but we can not keep the public out of the capitol

1. Some type of adjustment to voting allowances including a manner for another Member to verify the votes cast were actually by the Member. 2. There has to be an update to the Committee process. If there will be virtual hearings, our rules should be amended for the Committee Reports, WAFs, etc.

Yes, amend the House Rules and Constitution so the Governor isn't the only person to call a special session. In a Pandemic the legislature needs to come back to work and make laws not the executive branch.

Yes, a pandemic or disaster declaration provision, imposing health and safety provisions, including spacial and mask provisions, as necessary, and limitations on full access to certain areas.

Virtual access. Technology has advanced that the public can participate, testify and ask questions in a virtual hearing format. Should also consider extending the time for voting. Also,

removing the last minute amendment filing and require that they be on file within a certain time of the house calendar being posted.

Yes, Not sure exactly how

Yes. Allow virtual meetings

Remote testimony protocols

Yes.

I think member should have an option to participate remotely at a minimum from their capitol office while still on grounds of they are sick or unwilling to comply with safety measures. If diagnosed with Covid. Should be allowed to either vote remotely or with proxy.

testing and checking temperatures, requiring PPE and creating ways to operate virtually where possible

We need to be able to conduct some of our business remotely in the event someone gets sick, or there is an outbreak in the building.

Leave to House Administration Committee

Should allow virtual hearings and/or testimony.

Yes, we need to consider technological measures

We should be allowed to meet remotely via zoom, etc

Amendments requiring PPE, masks, and social distancing.

Yes they should be considered. Biggest thing would be virtual hearings.

Yes. We need to allow for virtual committee hearings. We need to amend how we vote on the floor so it can be done more safely.

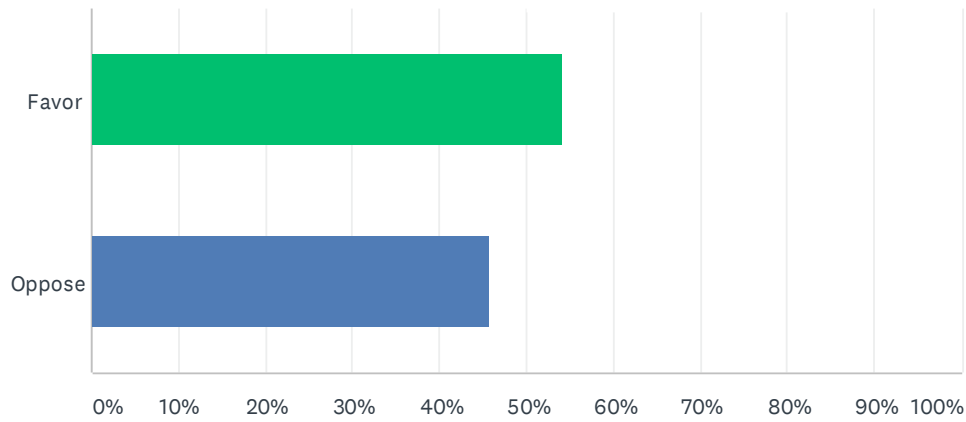
Have session to where we don't have to be crammed onto the floor like sardines, so we can socail distance.

Yes. Allowing virtual committee hearings. Allowing votes to be held virtually.

That we must legislate in person like we were elected to do

Q26 Do you favor or oppose spacing House Members out across the floor and the gallery as an important and worthwhile safety protocol?

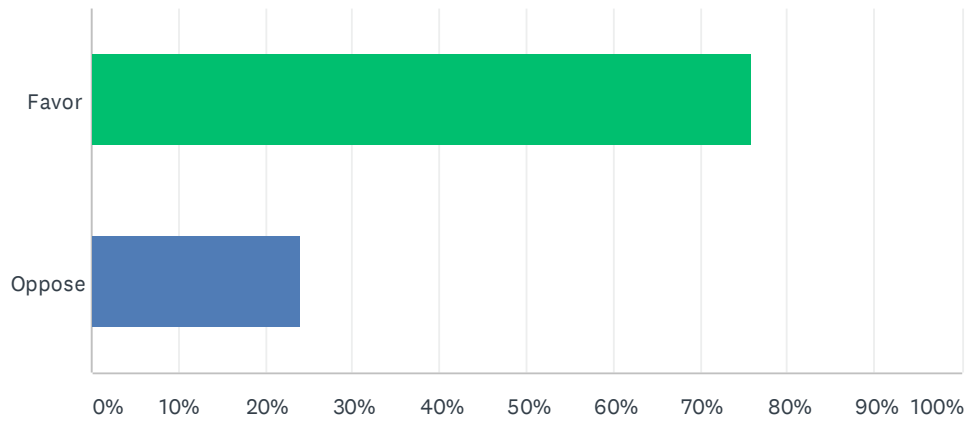
Answered: 107



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Favor	54.21%	58
Oppose	45.79%	49
TOTAL		107

Q27 Do you favor or oppose keeping the Members' Lounge open throughout the session?

Answered: 108



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Favor		75.93%	82
Oppose		24.07%	26
TOTAL	TOTAL		108

Q28 To what extent would you be comfortable with the Members' Lounge serving food and beverages throughout the session?

Answered: 106

RESPONSES

Absolutely necessary

Eat in shifts or turn the back hall into an extended eating area like we do when food is brought in for the entire House.

If we're going to have food there, it should be grab and go. The staff does not deserve to be exposed to us. If we need lounge space, it makes more sense to use the larger back hall so that social distancing is possible.

Leave it open but I will personally limit my visit there and other places throughout the capitol. Not because of a nanny government but I feel I can make my own responsible choices.

not comfortable

prepackaged food. Limited and timed seating

I would be very uncomfortable without it. Without it, we are going to either be forced to go to the cafeteria or order food brought in (and then where would we eat).

Follow restaurant protocols

Comfortable - with masks and social distancing.

Too early to tell. Depends on availability and implementation of immunizations.

It all depends on the ability to maintain social distance and perhaps limit number of legislators permitted at one time.

None

Very comfortable. They should make some small changes like silverware wrapped in napkins rather than self serve. Numerous other serving things like the the TRA calls for. Ice cream not put back into freezer.

I'm very comfortable

Only grab and go for pre-wrapped and sealed food. No congregating for dine-in events.

Comfortable

needed when we are having long hours and days and can't leave the floor

The guidance issued to restaurants should be followed

Would support as standard

CDC guidelines

Full extent, normal services

Fine as is.

Very

It's needed now more than ever. Keeping members fed and hydrated is critically important for 14 - 16 hour days.

Very comfortable. We all visit restaurants now.

The staff use mask.

Limited to a certain number of people and/or extending service and eating are to the speaker's quarters or back hallway.

Find additional space for the lounge and limit the numbers at one time similar to restaurants

Very comfortable

Very, but masks required when ordering, etc.

Strict face covering, sanitation and social distancing guidelines must be followed. Food handlers must wash/sanitize between each transaction.

Pre-packaged food and drinks

only if it's grab and go

Prepared foods (i.e. Gab's burgers, sandwiches, breakfast tacos)

Only with daily testing and limiting access to members only.

Only if they're serving COVID-19 vaccines. :)

I'm comfortable as long as we monitor and make sure there is space for social distancing.

Limit capacity

Comfortable with restaurant type precautions

Limit Maximum number of members to 8-10 at any one time. Limit amount of time in lounge to 5 minutes

Limit total number of members in the lounge itself. Set up back hallway for members to eat.

Fine with that. Hospitals still have cafeterias and they are not a CoVID hotspot.

As it currently is.

The same as usual

Very comfortable.

Yes as long as it follows safety requirements.

No changes.

If they follow best practices set out by the CDC and health care professionals.

comfortable with proper safety protocols

If safety protocols and procedures are followed.

full extent

very comfortable

Ok with that

When a vaccine is available

Somewhat comfortable

Drinks only but we must then regularly break for meals.

Limited and allow bottle water or containers with lids on the House floor.

Maintain normal operations and limit quantity of occupants.

I would recommend that members be allowed to pick up food and have places to sit in the back hallway where you can social distance.

Very

Not for dining in the lounge, but ok to take back to our office to eat.

Same as in previous session

Just follow Reataurant guidelines and distancing protocols.

Business as usual

I'm comfortable with food service. Thought should be given to limiting the number of individuals who can be in the lounge at once, where they sit, etc.

Completely comfortable with it.

Not a good idea

Favorable if there are other areas set up to take food and drinks out of the lounge area. Tables in the back hall or Ag Museum. Order to go area set up outside the lounge so not as congested inside. Someone serving coffee and drinks so members are not handling everything.

Not comfortable with the Members Lounge open.

Assuming the situation remains as it is or is worse, I would likely not believe this is a good idea, although beverages could possibly be made available in some location near the House floor.

take out only, pre-packaged food, suspend the rule allowing for certain food/beverages to be consumed on house floor given social distancing will be on the floor

No strong opinion

I'm very comfortable as long as staff is diligently following safety protocols and being tested.

We should follow the same protocols as are being required of the public

With limited number of members in there at a time. Maybe expand the seating area to the back hall, if possible.

Very comfortable

It depends on the situation at the time, as do all these questions/answers. If we have a vaccine, and people are getting vaccinated, that will make a difference. If the state has seen a decline in cases, and we are able to slow/stop the spread of COVID-19, my answers will be different. Currently, if we were in session today, I would say the Members' Lounge should be closed, or open only for take out. But, by January, hopefully things will have changed and we will have a decreasing number of COVID-19 cases.

Limit the number of members and time that members can be present in the lounge. Also, limit food offered to prepared meals.

Drinks

I like to eat sweets. We should have those.

None

100% Open

Comfortable, trusting members to use common sense.

The members lounge is a critical component to member relationships. Often it is the only time for members to get to know each other and have good discussions. Members who are really concerned do not have to go in there but it should be open.

Probably not a good idea

I have concerns about indoor dining in group spaces.

Beverages only

Should be closed or to go only.

Prepared foods only

I wouldn't want to deprive staff of the jobs they do, so I would figure out how they could provide the products through other means.

I think we have to have some avenue for this. Maybe we keep tables set up in speakers hallway to allow for more spacing.

take-away only - and maybe we can cordon off space out the backside around the speaker's area for distanced snacking and interactions?

During the long hours on the floor we need an ability to eat. Perhaps some other areas could be open up to allow for members to social distance and eat a sandwich.

Fine

Sealed drinks or unopened soft drinks and packaged food

Very comfortable.

I would be fine with it, as long heightened safety measures were taken.

Limit number of members allowed inside

If we could have enough sanitizer we should keep it open. It would also help if we could have capped water bottles on the floor.

I am comfortable with the members lounge serving food as usual.

Limited number of Members inside at one time.

Very comfortable

absent a vaccine, not very. It is too small a space to utilize during the pandemic.

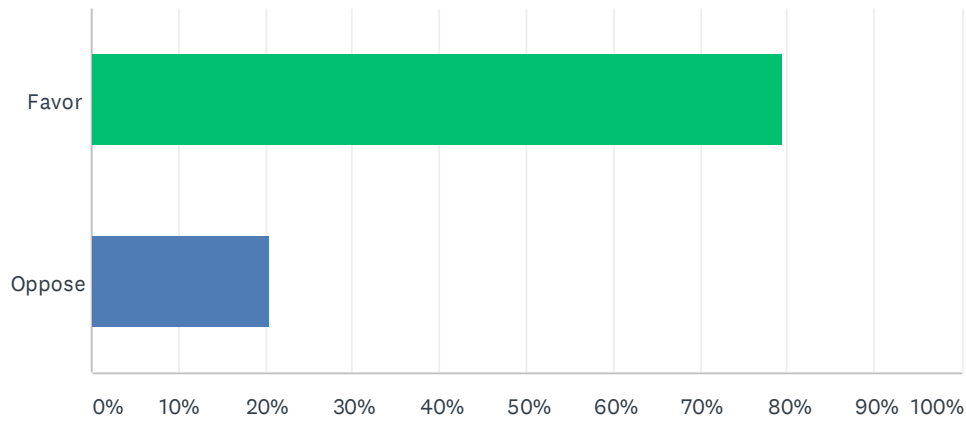
We need to be able to grab a bite to eat in the late hours of session.

Limited capacity. Eat and get out. Masks, hand sanitizer and social distancing.

Same food safety standards as restaurants

Q29 Would you favor or oppose limiting floor access to essential staff during session?

Answered: 112



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Favor	79.46%	89
Oppose	20.54%	23
TOTAL		112

Q30 What safety protocols do you consider most important for holding and attending hearings?

Answered: 103

RESPONSES

Masks. Social distancing.

Allowing virtual participation. Limiting the number of folks in the room. Spreading out the people who are there. Requiring masks.

Plexiglas between members. Minimum of one seat between unrelated people.

those recommended by CDC

masks, temp check, social distance, rapid test

Bigger rooms, smaller, spaced out public.

Masks & social distancing

Spacing of seats. Face mask.

social distancing

Mask, social distancing, frequent disinfection.

Testing and face masks

Lobby not shaking hands with members before the hearing

Limit capacity in the meeting room and have remote locations for public to view

Limiting public access to video conferencing or limiting amount of people to 25% capacity within hearing rooms.

Masks, social distancing for the public, hand sanitizer readily available, plexiglass between members, only members of the committee and clerks on the dais.

air circulation. limit capacity etc.

Limited access and social distancing

Masks, social distancing, sanitation

Spacing and sanitization

Respecting individual freedoms. If someone is concerned about their potential health, they can choose to wear a facemask or face shield or both

Masks, social distancing. Utilize overflow rooms and other technology to reduce the number of individuals in a hearing room.

The CDC guidelines

Hand washing stations and limiting the number of people in the room to a responsible number

CDC Guidelines

mask and social distancing

I think that we should have virtual hearings like we are doing in courts all over the country. I just had a 3 hour hearing via Zoom and it worked out well. We need to train committee chairs on Zoom or similar service provider but it can be done.

Individual responsibility to protect others. Limit the number of folks in the hearing rooms at one time with over flow available or to monitor on line

Distancing and masks

Social distancing, which will limit audience in the room

Sanitation. Sneeze Guards. Face Coverings. Social Distancing. Remote participation/voting.

Limiting the occupancy. Requiring face masks and social distancing.

mandatory vaccines against the virus and virtual hearings.

Social Distancing Mandatory Mask Hand Sanitizing Stations
Distancing, temp checks, masks
Masks, distancing, temperature taking, and Limiting access.
Given the airborne nature of the virus, committee hearings should either be held virtually or outdoors.
Wearing mask, sanitation plan and limiting participation. No large groups
Social distancing and masks
Mandatory mask. Social distancing
public is checked and obey protocols
Masks, sanitizer. Thorough cleaning after each hearing.
Regular cleaning of surfaces, limiting in-person attendance to lawmakers, staff and those providing testimony.
Frequent testing, shields, and spacing of public.
Facial covering, social distancing and the availability of hand sanitizer.
Moving all hearings to the Reagan Building; limited public capacity in the hearing rooms; follow CDC and local authority guidelines as it relates to social distancing.
Follow CDC and health professional guidelines and have PPE readily available.
social distance
temp checks, masks
provide hand wipes at members' desk so we can clean hands as desired.
Clearing people as they come in and keeping distances apart
Face mask to be worn.
Limiting access to hearing rooms. Consider taking testimony via video.
Where possible, chairs must limit number of people testifying on bills. Strong enforcement of time restrictions by chairs. Basically run a tight, efficient ship.
Limited people, masks and social distancing.
Social distancing and masks.
It is important to limit the number of persons in room to be able to social distance and to require face mask.
If members or participants are sick or have subjective health concerns stay away. Wash hands, keep distance and circulate and filter air as much as possible
Not having the entire committee at the dais; spread out members in a large room; only allow one witness at a time in the room to testify; allow witnesses via zoom; allow some of the committee members to join via zoom;
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Social distancing and the use of masks
Common sense practices
Physical safety barriers in committee rooms. Masks worn, temps checked. Utilize hand sanitizers
Washing hands and not intentionally coughing on each other is as far as it needs to go.
Keeping public out of the committee room
Social distancing on the dias and in the back rooms. Masks when not seated. Separate areas

set up with food and drink close by but not in the back room.

Mandatory masks, social distancing, hand sanitizers and limiting participation to those performing essential and official business.

Location - either remote (preferable) or at a minimum, a well-spaced, well-ventilated venue. If in person, masks, spacing for all in attendance, availability of sanitizer, temperature checks, limiting the amount of time spent in the setting. Plexiglass barriers could be considered. Safety of witnesses and visitors should be prioritized. Submission of written statements should be encouraged.

CDC guidelines, plexiglass, virtual participation

Distancing

Limiting the number of people in the hearing room is essential and remote but live testimony should be allowed.

We need to encourage virtual participation and accommodate in persons only with adherence to all safety protocols

Distance of the crowd from the members and each other. Complete cleaning of the area before and after use.

Capacity limitations.

Prefer a virtual format if still seeing high number of cases. In person: wear masks, space people 6 feet apart, limit attendance.

Testimonials addressing member committee should be done virtually.

CDC guidelines

There should be more time to allow for witnesses to be outside the hearing room before being called. In addition, there should be social distancing in the hearing rooms. There should be some type of separation on the dais. In addition, there should be some cleaning of the podium/table between speakers.

Mask wearing & social distance

Personal responsibility.

Exercising safety protocols, including spacing and, as necessary, masks during the pendency of the pandemic and utilization of overflow rooms, as available, under the same protocols.

Limiting the amount of people in a room at one time and mandatory face masks etc.

Face mask and social distancing

Face masks, social distancing, limiting the number of people in indoor spaces together.

Mask requirements and social distancing. Should allow for virtual testimony

Video or telecommunications. If in person, masks and social distancing with temperature checks.

Remote testimony should be allowed

Distance. Masking. Temperature checks. Sanitizer available. No food in the back rooms. Dividers between members.

Temperature checks, masks and other ppe.

All the above....would love these to be virtual where possible....but if not then we need to space out, wear PPE, and manage attendance in overflow areas, etc

Being able to physically distance and masks

Masks and social distancing

Mask and temperature checks

Normal social distancing as is the current practice in most other places.

Masks and social distancing.

Mask, distancing

Sanitation

Limiting the public from attending and keeping the crowds as small as possible

Social distancing and masks.

Room size, occupancy limit, time limit. PPE and temperature checks.

Partitions on the dais, controlled entrance and exits, spacing out audience members. One witness at the front at a time. We will need to change out mics after each witness. Once the rules are adopted, virtual hearings should hopefully be allowed.

Wear a mask, social distance, temperature check for all in the room.

social distancing, masks, hand sanitizer, temperature checks for all.

Allow remote witness testimony by some online means

Q31 What safety protocols do you plan to implement in your own office – whether limiting the number of visitors or groups, requiring face masks/PPE, enforcing social distancing or other measures?

Answered: 103

RESPONSES

Temperature

I don't plan on having an open office. I cannot in good conscience ask my staff to meet with hundreds of people a day from all over the state.

Requiring masks. Limiting the number of staff in the office and allowing most to work virtually. I'm still trying to figure out how we're going to handle visitors, but at a bare minimum, we're going to encourage everyone to meet with us virtually.

Visitation by appointment only.

I would require face masks, PPE, and social distancing. I'd also allow virtual visits.

see 30

Assuming no changes by January, I would expect visitors to wear masks in the office. We will likely meet any larger groups outside or in a bigger room. (unless I can get Charlie Geren's office and then there will be spaces for big groups - LOL)

Limiting visitors and requiring masks

Masks, social distancing, limiting groups and number of office visitors

will likely limit group size and use standard social distancing

I have not had this discussion with my team yet. I will defer to them and what measures they would like to implement to keep each other and their families safe while getting work done. I presume we will limit the size of groups permitted in the office and require PPE and social distancing.

All of the above

Normal. May not allow large groups to stay for extended periods (hasn't been an issue in several sessions). Ban Planned Parenthood, they kill people.

It will depend on the Covid status in the state. I may implement all of the above if conditions warrant.

Limiting visitors by appointment ONLY. Requiring PPE at all times for my staff and all visitors. Keeping 6 ft. distance among my staff (desks). Putting in Plexiglas for at least the front desk. Wiping down surfaces with clorox wipes at the end of the day.

Masks, limiting visits by non-constituents to "by appointment only"; encouraging social distancing between staff.

Much like the guidance we have given to Texans returning to their offices, masks are required in all common areas, but can be removed while eating or at a desk. Staff should set rotating schedules to work at home when possible to limit the number of people in offices. Visitors groups should be limited in size and only permitted in offices with pre-set meetings. Committee hearings should be limited in attendance numbers, as well.

All of the above.

I plan to limit on the number of guests allowed, require my staff to wear masks and social distance.

We will use Clorox wipes and spray to keep hard surfaces clean and we will allow members and internal staff their individual freedoms to either wear personal protective equipment or not.

PPE and social distancing where possible.

Masks and social distancing, limiting the number of persons as a group, disinfecting my office and no hand checks.

Limiting the number and hand sanitizers

CDC guidelines

requiring PPE, social distancing

All of the above.

They are allowed to do whatever is necessary to feel comfortable. I am open to place plexiglass vicinity of desk as well as provide sanitizer and masks if desired

Essential business, fill out questionnaires, masks, take temp.

Unsure at this time

Frequent sanitation. Sneeze Guards. Face Coverings. Social Distancing. Visitation/occupancy limits. Remote work.

Masks required. Social distancing required. Meetings by appointment only in-person, if at all. We will strongly recommend meetings be held via video conference or by phone.

Only essential staff allowed in office; socially distanced; masked - no outside visitors. No communal tools (stapler, etc.) If no temperature checks at at main entrances, check in the office. Vaccinated as soon as possible. Practice CDC guidelines for good hygiene.

Daily Temperature Checks Mandatory Mask Social Distancing Limited visitors

Social distancing, temp checks, masks, virtual and conference call meetings.

All of the above.

Our office will be closed until a COVID-19 vaccine is available. All constituent communication will be conducted virtually.

All the things listed above including reducing in person work days.

Face masks. Social distancing Limit number of visitors

I'm gonna limit all crazy groups to max number of 1. Mandatory mask, no verbal presentation, leave papers at front desk and leave

Limit admissions. Require masks for all visitors. Allow staff to work from home as much as possible.

Depends on what is required to enter capitol. I would say masks, sanitizer, limit the number of people in the office at one time. Possibly limiting the size of groups visiting.

It's too early to tell right now.

Use of plexiglass shields; frequent testing; other measures.

Masks, hand sanitizer, the amount of people entering the office.

Limiting office to only staffers; requiring PPE; temperate checks upon entry into office; considering permitting certain staff to work remotely.

I will follow the current best practices recommended by the CDC, health professionals and supported by science.

limiting visitors and requiring PPE

Limiting guests, requiring face masks, maintaining social distancing.

same

scheduled appointments only to make sure we do not have more people than appropriate in the office at one time.

If people are checked as they come in we will limit numbers and try to stay apart from each other. Will follow house rules on the masks

Limit the number of staff and the wearing of face mask is mandatory.

Limiting the number of guests and groups, wearing masks/PPE and other measures.

Encourage zoom meetings, phone calls, etc. with member and staff for citizens, lobby, etc. Require masks.

Yes, to all the above but also depends on where we are with the pandemic.

- All of the above.

- I will require all of the above as well schedule meetings online instead of in person meetings if possible.

- Enter at your own risk. Be safe, be healthy or be gone

- requiring face masks; visitors by appointment only; encouraging zoom meetings; social distancing among staff; plexiglass around staff working areas if available/permitted; sanitize at the end of each work day; encourage working remotely to the extent possible; scheduling outdoor meetings, weather permitting;

- Encourage proper protocol and let people decide

- Distancing and Masks, with lots of sanitizer stations.

- Applying common sense practices.

- Social distancing (desks, visitors, etc.); Limit visitors; Limit number of visitors in any groups; Use of PPE

- None.

- N/A

- Limit number in office at one time, Hand sanitizer required at entrance, masks and social distancing. Schedule any meetings with no walk ins. Sign on the door to call for an appointment.

- No visitors or groups permitted. Required masks, social distancing enforced and hand sanitizer

- Working remotely often. Minimizing visitors to the office. Masks and social distancing to be required. Sanitizer readily available.

- CDC guidelines, essential staff, no visitors, virtual whenever possible

- Social distancing and we plan to comply with the law and executive orders

- Limiting in-office staff; hourly disinfectant spray, in room air purification with UV light scrubbers, weekly COVID-19 tests, and face masks required for those not tested.

- Appointments will be strongly encouraged and in person accommodation following all safety protocols

- Face masks required (probably— depends on the COVID outbreak at the time). Definitely Social Distancing. Cleaning between meetings.

- Capacity limitations, good hygiene habits. Allow staff members to take the precautions they feel comfortable with.

- We have been meeting with constituents via Zoom and other virtual formats. I will continue this option until the spread of the virus has decreased to a point I'm comfortable with allowing in person visits. At that time, I will require masks and social distancing.

- Meetings by appointment only and limit number of guests Also, follow all CDC recommendations/guidelines.

- Require face masks, social distancing at a minimum

- We will limit the staff we have during the Session. We are looking into a Zoom virtual waiting room for constituents and other interested parties to "visit" rather than appear in person. We will require all staff to social distance outside the work office. Masks and PPE will be required in the office and in the common places of the building.

- I plan on enforcing all of them as I do in my business. All meetings will be scheduled remotely.

- I am working out of my district office. We are using personal responsibility. If you want to wear a mask that's ok, if you do not that's ok. If you are sick stay home. My office has and will continue to be open to all citizens.

- Limiting number and size of groups, utilization of sanitizers, and following distancing measures.

Definitely require face masks. Limiting the number of people in the office at a time and possibly requiring an appointment

All of the above

N/A

Limiting people in the office, social distancing, use of PPE, and routine testing of supply is available

Appointment only, preferably video or telecommunications. In person requires temperature check, masks and social distancing.

My hope is the Capitol is closed to the public

We will require face masks. We will require meetings by appointment only and with a limited number of people to provide for proper distancing. We will have sanitizer available when entering. We will likely conduct many meetings though Zoom or other platforms.

At a minimum limiting size and requiring PPE. Looking at moving all meetings to virtual. Or if weather allows taking meetings on lawn with masks.

meeting by appointment only, pre-screening visitors, keeping minimum staff (if any), limiting group numbers and/or arranging to meet outside

All the above

All listed

All visiting will be required to wear mask and a temperature check before allowed past the front desk

It depends on the status of the pandemic at that time but would consider requiring face masks and appointments.

Limit guests, require masks, and social distancing.

All of the above

Hand sanitizer, face mask for visitors, disinfectant wipes and social distancing.

I plan on only having one staff person in the office during session.

Face masks required, limiting groups of people, and hand sanitizing stations.

Meetings by appointment only(no drop by meetings). Mask, temperature checks, and social distancing. No paper flyers accepted only emailed.

All of the above. We may also install barriers in shared spaces.

Limiting visitors to only district constituents, wear a mask and social distance as much as we can.

Limited number of visitors--and only in special circumstances. Requiring masks, PPE, and social distancing. Staff will be required to constantly clean common areas and surfaces used. No coffee mugs or dishes--everything disposable. I will require doing meetings virtually. May have staff stagger...some days in the office and others work from home.

Q32 If you have any further comments, questions, or ideas pertaining to the previous topics, please submit them in the form below.

Answered: 36

RESPONSES

12, 13, 14. I'm really struggling with this. I want our work to be accessible, but I suspect we need the gallery space to be able to do our work safely. I'm open to modifications that allow us to be physically accessible to the public, but I think they would need to be substantial to be successful. 17. My understanding is that face shields are more effective as a means of preventing contracting COVID versus preventing spreading it. The emphasis should be on mandating behaviors that prevent spread, and I don't think face shields are a replacement for masks in that light. 20,21. Folks who have a known exposure should also be tested. I would support asymptomatic testing for screening if we and the larger testing community had access to rapid antigen testing, but I don't believe it's justified for us to take up needed testing capacity for general screening purposes. 26. We should also consider grouping members together by amount of risk/precautions they're taking as individuals. Folks who are determined to not take COVID seriously should not be located next to folks who are and are high risk.

yes

Thanks

Can business be conducted virtually from our offices?

Favor limiting seating capacity in the gallery to allow for social distancing between individuals. Favor routine testing, but not daily testing unless it becomes equally available to the public.

Nothing additional except to thank you for the survey, we know this is very scary for many people and getting their input is important.

Thank you

Thanks

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none

These answers are solely valid in light of an active, contagious pandemic in our state, and would otherwise not be completely valid.

Tough job, but must work and afforded the greatest protection to members and staff.

All it will take is one member dying for us to wish we had done more. I pray we make the right choices.

None

How we carry out our safety practices inside the Capitol should be reflective of our general public safety measures in place at that time.

Thanks for sending this out. I don't see the situation any different today than in six months. I think we should follow best practices from other states in session now and what DC is doing.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my opinion, will support the recommendations of House Administration and regardless of the pandemic we need to do the State's business.

Next session (or other formal meeting) I am more worried about the political contagion of Antifa+ than the viral contagion of Covid-19. One is corrosive and cannot be tolerated, the other is a hardship we will have to endure

We must get back to work. The horse is out of the barn. Let's use common sense and get back to life.

Based on the questions, I am far more worried about the restrictions that may be placed on us and the public than I am about the virus.

It is an incredible hard task to do. But somehow the members charged need to look at the greater good. God bless them in that

This is a large topic, and as noted above, we should draw upon the experience and lessons learned by legislative bodies across the country that have met between March and December. We must be conscious that however awkward some measures might seem, an outbreak among members or staff or visitors will likely create even bigger problems. Its avoidance

should be prioritized, consistent with our duties to serve the public and the State of Texas during this time of need.

We need to be prepared to provide as much COVID-19 testing as possible. We only meet every other year and this should be an encouraged cost of doing business. If our members and staff are virus-free, then we don't need as much physical space.

Let's get to work.

I hope that the situation will look very different in January, because given the current state of the disease, I am not comfortable being around 149 other members plus their staff members plus the public. Many businesses, municipal governments, non-profits and families have made virtual meetings a successful practice by this time. The Legislature should be able to do so as well.

Thank you, Chairman. I appreciate your thoughtful leadership exemplified as you seek input from all members.

n/a

I believe we need to open Texas 100% that includes the State Capitol. Everyone needs to use personal responsibility. The Governor is part of the Executive Branch and needs to stop legislating. The legislature should be called back to make the laws and decisions for this pandemic. Thank you for this survey. From the questions asked on this survey, I pray that fear and inaccurate data do not lead to some very poor decisions.

Thank you for conducting this survey. These are important issues.

These answers are based upon the Covid-19 situation as it is today July 28, 2020 only.

Need to begin purchasing rapid response tests

I left spacing out blank because we have to have some protocols but I truly believe members have to interact to be effective.

Once again - thank you all for this effort! I know it's tough and I am grateful for Charlie Geren more than ever right now!

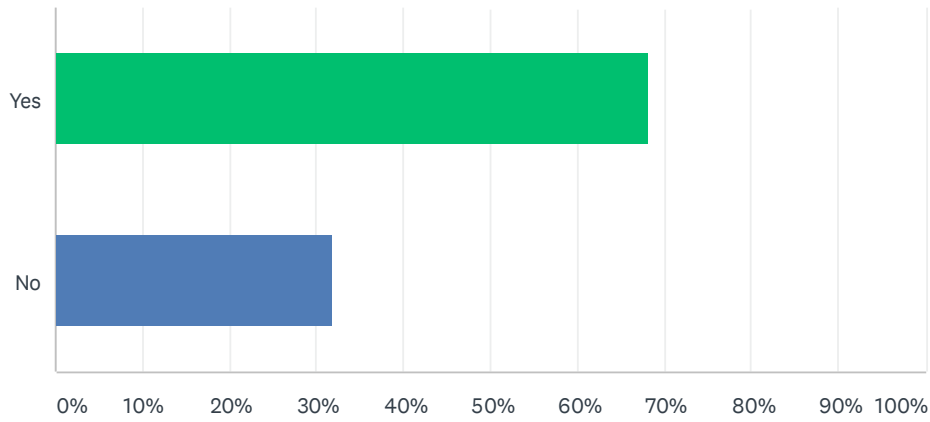
Consider delaying to another Session, Sunset.

No

I am committed to fulfilling my responsibilities and ask that full safety protocols be enforced. I ask that those who purposely refuse to comply with any of the protocols for the sake of politics not be given the opportunity to potentially expose us. No more children or pages on the House Floor.

Q33 Do you plan to welcome guests or hold meetings in your office?

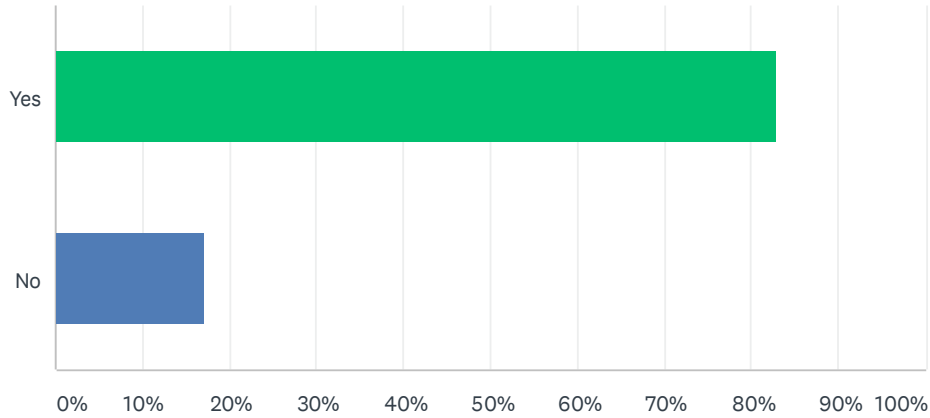
Answered: 107



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	68.22% 73
No	31.78% 34
TOTAL	107

Q34 Would you like to see the House offer sanitized rooms that could be scheduled by your staff for the purpose of holding meetings with the public?

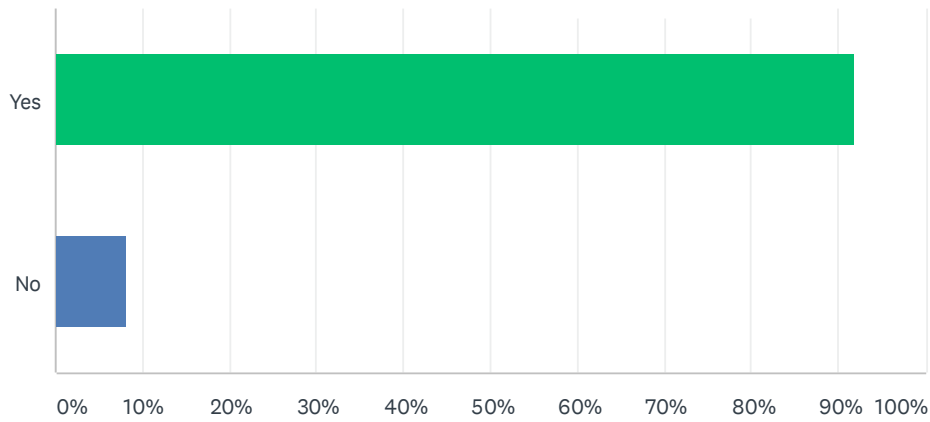
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	82.88%	92
No	17.12%	19
TOTAL		111

Q35 Do you plan to use Zoom or any similar platform to meet with constituents and advocacy groups?

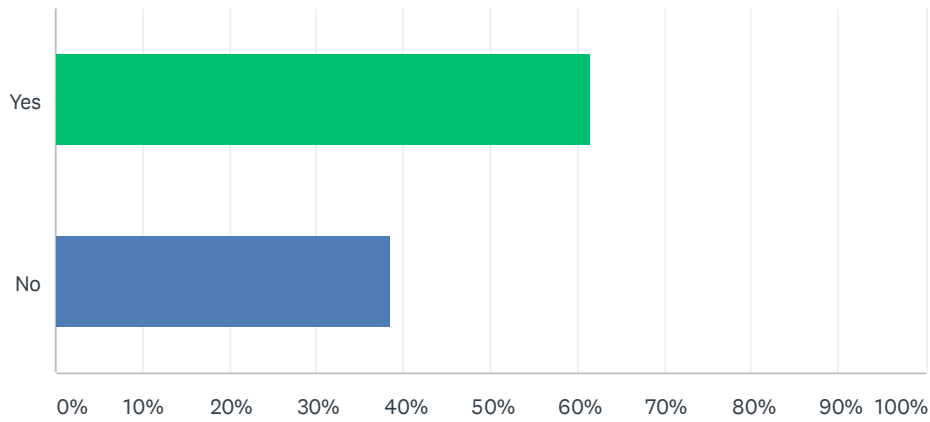
Answered: 111



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	91.89%	102
No	8.11%	9
TOTAL		111

Q36 Do you plan to limit your session staff or interns in order to decrease the number of individuals in your office and the building?

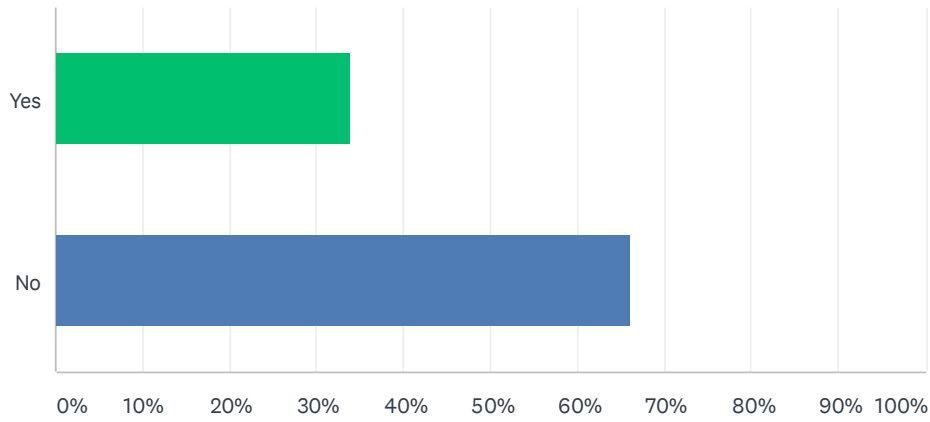
Answered: 109



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	61.47%	67
No	38.53%	42
TOTAL		109

Q37 Do you plan to limit outside food and beverage in your office?

Answered: 109



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.94%	37
No	66.06%	72
TOTAL		109

Q38 If you have any further comments, questions, or ideas pertaining to the previous topics, please submit them in the form below.

Answered: 31

RESPONSES

34. Potentially this useful? I just see us pushing everyone toward virtual whenever possible. I'd like to see the House establish standards for how many people it's okay to have in an office.

Yes

The House should provide ability for offices to host conference calls and/virtual communications at no cost to operating budgets in order to encourage remote meetings.

Thank you

Thanks

Unless big box stores or mass merchandisers close, I don't see that major changes need to be implemented. Follow CDC guidelines for groups.

none

These answers are only valid in the case that there is an active, contagious pandemic in our state, and would otherwise not be completely valid.

None

None

All food is from outside of my office. I will limit interaction from groups. There will be guidelines that my office may implement that go beyond house rules

Please upgrade the phone systems (anticipating high volume of calls); install Zoom on all computers accessible by all legislators and staffers.

I believe more personal responsibility for one's health needs to be relied upon for our safety measures. If they do not want to interact with other members then reserve a section of the floor for those members to sit in and let everyone else carry out their business. Maybe the members that want to be isolated can wear a particular colored ribbon to let other members know do not come closer than 6 feet. It is hard to imagine working the floor without being able to talk to other members. We need to still be functional in how we carry out our business in working the floor.

Antibody/T-cell tests should also be administered every 2 weeks to document how susceptible the Capitol population is and whether it is changing over time. Document and track statistics and trends for C-19 and separately for Influenza/other Pneumonia and share information with members. If nothing else we can at least be a good control group for researchers Finally, the relative success of vaccine program will inform all of these policies and options

Zoom and other video conferencing portals provide better rates in bulk. It would be beneficial if House Administration could negotiate terms that would provide access to all members for official state business.

I normally do not do lobby lunches and just buy food to be delivered for my office only. We maintain drinks and snacks in our office for staff.

Food limit depends on the status of cafeteria.

My answers to some of the above questions are preliminary. I will reevaluate as we go based on input from others and the state of the virus at the time.

we will need protocol on how best to bring in food/beverage from outside presuming this could be done safely

I think we should reduce the number of media on the House floor as well.

n/a

Full staffing.

Take out food is still relatively safe and the culture and schedule of the capitol during session makes that very nice.

Answers based upon these activities being conducted today July 28, 2020 only.

I will not be serving in session, so questions are not applicable.

We would likely limit intern positions. Permanent positions would be maintained and likely placed on work from home rotations.

We haven't decided on meetings in office. As stated earlier will try to move to zoom. Or maybe some outdoor meeting on the lawn with masks.

Thanks for all your doing and allowing our input

No

N/A

I would hope to be able to hold meetings in my office next session, but would not do so today. We'll have to see what the situation is then.
